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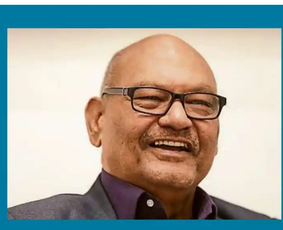

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Heavy rain leaves outer ring road flooded

Traffic paralysed, commuters stuck for hours on several stretches

BENGALURU, DHNS

The waterlogged Varthur Kodi on Whitefield Main Road, near Forum Mall. CREDIT: BTP

A flooded Kadubeesanahalli road towards Bellandur.

Heavy rain on Tuesday again exposed the vulnerability of Bengaluru's tech corridor, with several stretches of the outer ring road (ORR), Panathur, Balagere and Varthur waterlogged, triggering traffic snarls and crippling normal life. A few commuters took over an hour just to cover a distance of about two kilometres.

Fed up with the wait, many motorists drove through inundated roads fearing further delays. In some places like Devarabisanahalli, traffic police blocked the waterlogged main carriageway.

Given the lack of commute options, the ORR stretch is generally choked during peak hours throughout the week. The waterlogging on Tuesday evening only worsened the commute.

Waterlogging was reported at multiple locations along the ORR corridor, especially between KR Puram and Central Silk Board as well as adjoining roads leading to major IT parks.

"It took me two hours just to move two kilometres near Bellandur," said Raghavan Srinivasan, a senior software engineer, on X. "Every single year we pay taxes just to swim to work the moment it rains for thirty minutes."

The flooding has revived concerns over the city's lack of preparedness despite similar incidents occurring repeatedly over the past few years. Residents pointed out that many of the affected locations had witnessed flooding during previous monsoons, including the major flood events of 2022.

Residents' groups in Panathur, Balagere and Varthur took to social media to highlight recurring issues such as clogged drains, incomplete civic works and poor road conditions.

"Stuck at GRT junction for the last 90 minutes with zero movement," a commuter said in a social media post. "The drainage system in this city is non-existent. Completely regular pre-monsoon rain shouldn't paralyse an entire tech hub like this."

A network of rajakaluves or stormwater drains that connect several lakes cuts across the tech corridor at different places but there has been no effort to ensure the smooth flow of excess rainwater.

"We are still analysing the reason for flooding," a senior official of the Bengaluru East City Corporation said as he was on his way to the flood-affected spot along with Namma Metro engineers. "The flooded spot does not have a lake nearby," he said.

Another report, Page 2

Quickly

Iran studying draft deal to halt war

Iran is reviewing a proposed agreement with the US to halt the war but has not communicated with Washington for several days, Iranian media reported on Tuesday, after US President Donald Trump said negotiations were continuing. More than three months after the US and Israel launched strikes against Iran, the conflict remains locked in a stalemate, with a fragile ceasefire in place while the crucial Strait of Hormuz remains largely closed.

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Oil stocks may hit critical levels

Global oil inventories could hit critical levels ahead of the peak summer demand period if stock draws continue at their current pace, the head of the International Energy Agency's oil industry and markets division said on Tuesday.

Trump signs order on AI model oversight

President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Tuesday that asked technology companies to give the government oversight of new artificial intelligence models before releasing them to the public, a shift for an administration that had promoted a hands-off approach to the powerful technology.

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Monsoon likely to reach Kerala by June 4: IMD

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday said the southwest monsoon may hit the Kerala coast around June 4 — nearly nine days after the first onset day announced by the agency. "Southwest monsoon is likely to set in over Kerala around June 4. Isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall (7-20 cm) is very likely to occur over Kerala and isolated heavy rainfall over Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in next 6-7 days," the IMD said in a statement.

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'Devise plans to tackle El Nino'

The Centre has the advised the agencies to activate contingency plans after the IMD forecast the possible development of El Nino.

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Four-member gang kidnaps former MLC

Claims Rs 10-crore supari paid to kill him; two arrested

BENGALURU, DHNS

A four-member gang allegedly kidnapped former MLC Dayananda Reddy at gunpoint, claiming that they received a Rs 10-crore contract to kill him.

The 63-year-old was allegedly held captive for nearly four hours before being released in the early hours of Tuesday.

Reddy was being driven home by his chauffeur Prasad after he attended to work concerning the Gold Coin Club, of which he is the president, when two men hauled him away.

When his car passed through Heelalige's Anjaneya Swamy Temple at 12.15 am, two men on a bike rode up to him on the pretext of delivering a gift box.

When the driver opened the door to receive the package, one of them slid into the rear seat next to Reddy, while the other got into the front passenger seat. They brandished a pistol and instructed him to follow the direction. On the way, a red car with two more men joined them. The gang asked the driver to move away, while one of them drove.

Reddy told police that the gang drove through Bommasandra Main Road and got on to Attibele-Jigani Road. Speaking in Hindi and English, they pointed a pistol at his neck and told him that they received a Rs 10-crore supari to eliminate him. Reddy pleaded with the gang, telling them that he was involved in social service, including helping students, and asked them not to harm him. He offered to pay for his release.

The suspects reportedly spoke among themselves in Malayalam and called an unknown person, then demanded Rs 3 crore from Reddy to release him. Reddy told them he did not have cash immediately, agreeing to withdraw when the bank opens in the morning. The kidnappers instructed him to arrange the money and contact them.

Reddy said he noticed the red car's registration number as KL 43 6403. One of the suspects, identifying himself as Praveen, gave him a mobile number and asked Reddy to call him after arranging the money. Reddy was kept on a deserted road at KHB Colony in Jigani village until 4.45 am before being allowed to leave.

A shaken Reddy contacted his family and approached the Surya Nagar police station to lodge a complaint. Based on the complaint, police have formed a special team to trace the suspects.

A senior police officer said authorities are examining CCTV footage on the route the gang took and are verifying details of the mobile numbers and the car mentioned in the complaint.

12.15 AM Two bike-borne men stop victim Dayananda Reddy's car near Heelalige, posing as gift couriers.

MINUTES LATER The duo enters the vehicle at gunpoint; a red car carrying two accomplices joins them.

DURING THE DRIVE The gang takes Reddy through Bommasandra and Attibele–Jigani Road, claiming they have a Rs 10-crore contract to kill him.

NEGOTIATIONS After Reddy pleads for his life, the suspects demand Rs 3 crore for his release and provide a contact number

4.45 AM Reddy is released at KHB Colony in Jigani after nearly four hours in captivity.

AFTER RELEASE He contacts his family and files a complaint with the Surya Nagar police, who form a special team to trace the suspects.

Domestic worker booked in house theft case

BENGALURU, DHNS: Rajarajeshwari Nagar police booked a domestic worker in connection with a house-theft case.

According to police, a case was registered on April 7 following a complaint that a woman, working as a domestic worker in Jnanabharathi Layout, had stolen Rs 25 lakh from a house.

Police said the complainant had got the large amount of money after selling a plot two years ago. The money was kept in the wardrobe in their room, and the key was stored in a drawer near the TV stand.

Before lodging the complaint, the victim had asked his wife and mother about the missing money, and once he realised that they had no clue, he checked the CCTV feed. He saw the domestic help, who was employed with them for 13 years, steal the cash little by little over different periods of time.

Police located the victim's house. When they paid a visit, they only found her daughter there, who stated that her mother was involved in the theft.

"A search of the residence led to the recovery of Rs 15,00,000 in cash. Efforts are continuing to trace and apprehend the domestic worker," the police said in a statement.

Special trains to C'garh, Bihar

BENGALURU, DHNS: The railways will operate special train services connecting Bengaluru with Chhattisgarh and Bihar.

Train 08261 will depart from Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) every Wednesday at 2 pm from June 3 to July 1 and arrive at Yelahanka at 7 pm on Thursday. Train 08262 will depart from Yelahanka every Thursday at 9.30 pm from June 3 to July 2 and reach Bilaspur at 3.30 am on Saturday.

Jewellery shops on outskirts targeted by armed gangs

Traders renew demand for better surveillance, more police patrolling

MANJUNATH SHETTAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

A spate of robberies targeting jewellery shops in Nelamangala and Madanayakanahalli has sparked concern among residents, traders and business owners alike.

Many are questioning the effectiveness of existing security measures in rapidly growing towns.

In T Begur village, Nelamangala, three armed men recently stormed Mahalakshmi Jewellers and Bankers, threatened the owner and staff at knifepoint, assaulted an employee, and fled with gold ornaments worth Rs 5 lakh. The employee was attacked while chasing the suspects.

The robbery in broad daylight has brought focus on the growing vulnerability of jewellery establishments along major roads and highway corridors on city outskirts.

Local traders said such incidents are no longer isolated and have become a recurring concern in parts of Nelamangala, Madanayakanahalli and neighbouring areas.

"Jewellery shops, pawnbrokers and finance establishments have increasingly emerged as attractive targets for criminals due to the availability of valuable items and relatively easy escape routes," said a senior officer from Nelamangala Rural police station.

The officer said many robberies on Bengaluru's outskirts involve migrant gangs, who choose such locations because they offer quick access to highways, making it easier to flee after committing the crime.

The suspects often plan robberies several days in advance and conduct reconnaissance before striking. The gangs are aware that police patrolling is relatively sparse in some localities and that inadequate CCTV coverage gives them room to operate repeatedly.

After committing the offence, they allegedly use highways to reach railway stations or other transit points and leave the city before police teams can trace them.

The officer stressed the need for increased surveillance, better street lighting and more CCTV cameras in vulnerable areas to deter such crimes.

Residents said many commercial centres on the outskirts are situated near national and state highways. In several recent cases, robbers reportedly used motorcycles, covered their identities with helmets and masks, and carried out carefully planned robberies within minutes.

Business owners alleged that despite installing CCTV cameras and private security arrangements, robbers continue to exploit gaps in surveillance.

"Every robbery creates fear among traders and employees. Jewellery shop owners invest heavily in security systems, but offenders seem to have studied the locations and escape routes in advance and in some cases, they escape with DVRs connected to CCTV cameras as well," said a member of a local traders' association.

Following the latest incident, traders have renewed their demand for enhanced police patrolling in vulnerable stretches, particularly along highways and commercial hubs.

They have also sought the installation of additional surveillance cameras at strategic junctions and improved vehicle checks to prevent crimes.

A senior officer from the Bengaluru Rural district said efforts were underway to trace the suspects and that local police would be instructed to increase patrolling around the area during business hours.

A daylight robbery at a jewellery store has raised fresh concerns over the security of establishments located along highways and major roads on Bengaluru's outskirts. Traders in Nelamangala, Madanayakanahalli and surrounding areas say such incidents are becoming increasingly frequent, highlighting growing vulnerabilities in the region.
IMAGE FOR REPRESENTATION

PREVIOUS INCIDENTS

- On January 27, three bike-borne men barged into a jewellery shop in Dasanapura in Madanayakanahalli police station limits and decamped with 30 grams of gold ornaments and Rs 50,000 in cash after threatening the staff at gunpoint. Police arrested five men from Rajasthan two weeks later and recovered a pistol and valuables worth Rs 2.5 lakh.
- In July 2025, three masked men escaped with 150 grams of gold ornaments from Sri Ram Jewellers at Machohalli in Madanayakanahalli. CCTV footage showed the miscreants threatening the owner at gunpoint, and they fled in just 18 seconds.

CCB busts prostitution racket; arrests 4

BENGALURU, DHNS

Bengaluru police's Central Crime Branch (CCB) has busted a prostitution racket and arrested four people, including three women.

On different days in the last week, officials received intelligence reports, indicating that prostitution activities were being conducted by keeping women in rented houses located in T Dasarahalli under the jurisdiction of the Bagalagunte police station, Jarganahalli under the jurisdiction of the Puttenahalli police station, and on Mudalapalya main road within the limits of the Chandra Layout police station.

Officials from the CCB's Women Protection Wing, acting on the intelligence, conducted raids on different days.

During the operation, the investigators apprehended the suspects.

They also rescued three women, including two from other states, who were allegedly forced into prostitution.

During interrogation, the suspects confessed that, with the intention of earning more money, they would contact men seeking prostitution services over the telephone, invite them to the rented houses, and conduct such activities there, the CCB said.

Cases registered

"Cases have been registered against the accused at the Bagalagunte, Puttenahalli and Chandra Layout police stations. One woman involved in operating the prostitution racket is currently absconding. The investigation is ongoing," the CCB said in a statement.

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RBI may have sold gold to save forex

Guv weighing all options to stabilise rupee

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FRESH START

- The Congress is likely to announce the list of ministers to take oath with Shivakumar on Wednesday morning
- Several lawmakers have sought same portfolios that they held in the previous Siddaramaiah administration
- Shivakumar may kickstart his innings by announcing three big decisions on education, irrigation and Bengaluru

DKS era begins today amid Cabinet wrangles

NEW TEAM: 14 ministers may take oath; DyCM unlikely; Krishna Byre Gowda may get B'luru Development

BENGALURU/NEW DELHI, DHNS

After a long wait, D K Shivakumar will be sworn in as the chief minister at 4.05 pm on Wednesday even as the Congress held marathon meetings in New Delhi to choose lawmakers for the new Cabinet.

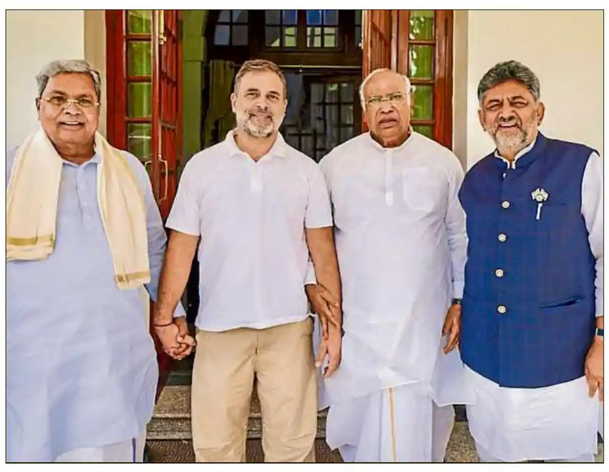
According to sources, 14 lawmakers may be sworn in along with Shivakumar. The Congress is likely to announce the list of ministers on Wednesday morning.

Shivakumar (64) will be administered the oath of office by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot at the glass house in Lok Bhavan.

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, CMs from other states, the students of the Doddalahalli Government School (Shivakumar's village), religious leaders, labourers, writers, actors and prominent businessmen have been invited.

After taking oath as chief minister, Shivakumar will convene his first Cabinet meeting. It is said that he may kickstart his innings by announcing three big decisions on education, irrigation and Bengaluru.

Sources indicate that the first list of ministerial inductees may include G Parameshwara, U T Khader (now Speaker), Ramalinga Reddy, K J George, Priyank Kharge, Satish Jarkiholi, M B Patil, N S Boseraju, Eshwar Khandre, Krishna Byre Gowda, Roopakala Shashidhar, Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah, B S Suresha (Byrathi), Tanveer Sait, K H Muniyappa, Dr Sharan Prakash Patil, B K Hariprasad, Shivaraj Tangadagi and N Chaluvarayaswamy.



(From left): Former CM Siddaramaiah, Lok Sabha LoP Rahul Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and CM-designate D K Shivakumar in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

> As someone who began as a grassroots worker and has been entrusted today with the responsibility of leading Karnataka, I remain profoundly grateful for their trust and encouragement.
>
> **CM-designate D K Shivakumar,** praising the Gandhi family

While Krishna Byre Gowda may be allotted the Bengaluru Development portfolio, Parameshwara is expected to retain Home.

There may not be any deputy CMs as Shivakumar was opposed to it saying it would create more power centres, sources said. Moreover, senior leaders have also opposed appointing young leaders as deputy CMs and threatened to stay away from the ministry if the party goes head with making young leaders deputy CMs.

Shivakumar told reporters late on Tuesday night that the "authentic" list of new ministers will be released on Wednesday morning or afternoon. "We've given our opinions. The high command will decide and send the list to me. I will then send it to the Governor," Shivakumar said. Apparently, several lawmakers have sought the same portfolios they held in the previous Siddaramaiah administration.

Earlier in the day, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar held talks with Rahul, Kharge and general secretaries K C Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala. Apparently, lobbying for berths kept the party from making any announcement on the Cabinet formation.

Siddu appointed CWC member, Page 5

Khader hosts dinner for staff

Speaker U T Khader on Tuesday hosted dinner for officers and employees of the Assembly Secretariat, triggering speculation that he would be inducted into DK Shivakumar's Cabinet. However, Khader said he had no official information regarding reports of him becoming a minister.

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Lok Bhavan gears up for event

The Lok Bhavan is all set for D K Shivakumar's swearing-in as the 24th CM of the state at 4.05 pm on Wednesday. The ceremony has been planned at the Glass House in Lok Bhavan.

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Ex-CMs' children in race

Children of four former Congress chief ministers, including the caretaker Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra, are in race for the ministerial berth in the new Cabinet which will be headed by DK Shivakumar.

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TMC heading for a split similar to ones in Maha?

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK
KOLKATA, DHNS

With a rebellion by the legislators threatening to split the party, Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday took to the streets in protest against the BJP government's move to demolish thousands of makeshift shops along roads and on railway platforms.

She was joined by only a handful of the TMC legislators and parliamentarians, even as speculation about a coup within the party gained momentum.

Ritabrata Bandopadhyay, one of the two legislators expelled on Monday, emerged as the face of the revolt overnight, with the majority of the party's 80 legislators joining the rebel bandwagon.

The rebels – close to the two-thirds mark required for an official split – are preparing to meet Speaker Rathindra Bose on Wednesday to start the process of claiming recognition as the "Prakrita Trinamool Congress (The Real Trinamool Congress)".

The BJP, meanwhile, dismissed speculation about its role in orchestrating the rebellion. "Whether the TMC suffers a split or not is not our concern. We have nothing to do with the internal crisis of the TMC," Samik Bhattacharya, state BJP president, said.

"If I remain alive, I will see the end of the BJP rule," Mamata said, although TMC appeared on the verge of a split, much like the one suffered by Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena and Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party in Maharashtra in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

Ritabrata, however, denied rumours about him leading the move to split the TMC. "I can speak for myself and Sandipan (Saha)," he said when journalists asked him if over 50 legislators had signed up to rebel against the TMC leadership.

▸ TMC, Page 8

Mamata protests against the BJP on Tuesday. PTI

> (PM Narendra) Modiji has left Bengal in the hands of anti-socials and bulldozer-happy politicians, pushing the state into darkness.

Centre appoints new CBSE chairman, secy

Constitutes panel to probe procurement of services for portal

AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Amid the ongoing On-Screen Marking row, the Central government transferred CBSE Chairman Rahul Singh and Secretary Himanshu Gupta on Tuesday, and constituted a one-person inquiry committee to investigate the procurement of the marking services.

The government has appointed Home Ministry Additional Secretary Lokhande Prashant Sitaram as the new CBSE chief and senior bureaucrat Varun Bhardwaj as the secretary.

Rahul Singh, a 1996-batch IAS officer of the Bihar cadre, was also the chief executive overseeing the Board's functioning and administration.

Himanshu Gupta served as the Board's chief administrative officer, looking at its legal matters, audit and public relations.

Earlier, a note from the Cabinet Secretariat stated that to "inquire into matters relating to procurement of services" for the CBSE's On-screen Marking system, the Centre is constituting a committee chaired by S Radha Chauhan, Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission.

"The chairperson of the Committee is empowered to obtain the assistance of officers from other offices, as required. Secretarial assistance to the Committee will be provided by Capacity Building Commission," the directive added.

The Committee was directed to submit its report to the Department of Personnel and Training within a month.

Related reports, Page 9

Youth Congress members stage a protest against the CBSE, in Mumbai on Tuesday. PTI

Recheck portal opens after 4-day delay

The CBSE opened the portal for verification of marks and re-evaluation for Class 12 students in the early hours of Tuesday. The facility was originally expected to become operational on May 29. The board claimed that the site was hit by a barrage of cyber attacks after it was launched.

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Valmiki corpn scam: CBI charges ex-minister Nagendra with conspiracy

BENGALURU, DHNS: The CBI has alleged a conspiracy by former minister B Nagendra and others in the misappropriation of funds from Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd (KMVSTDCL), according to the charge sheet filed in a Bengaluru court on Tuesday.

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Bike rider dies after manja string slits throat

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 29-year-old house keeping staffer died after his throat was slit by a kite string (Chinese manja) while riding his motorcycle in south Bengaluru. The incident occurred on May 30 in Talaghattapura police station limits, but came to light later after a complaint was registered by the family.

The deceased has been identified as Kiran G, a resident of Arasappa Layout in Tataguni and a native of Kanakapura.

Kiran G

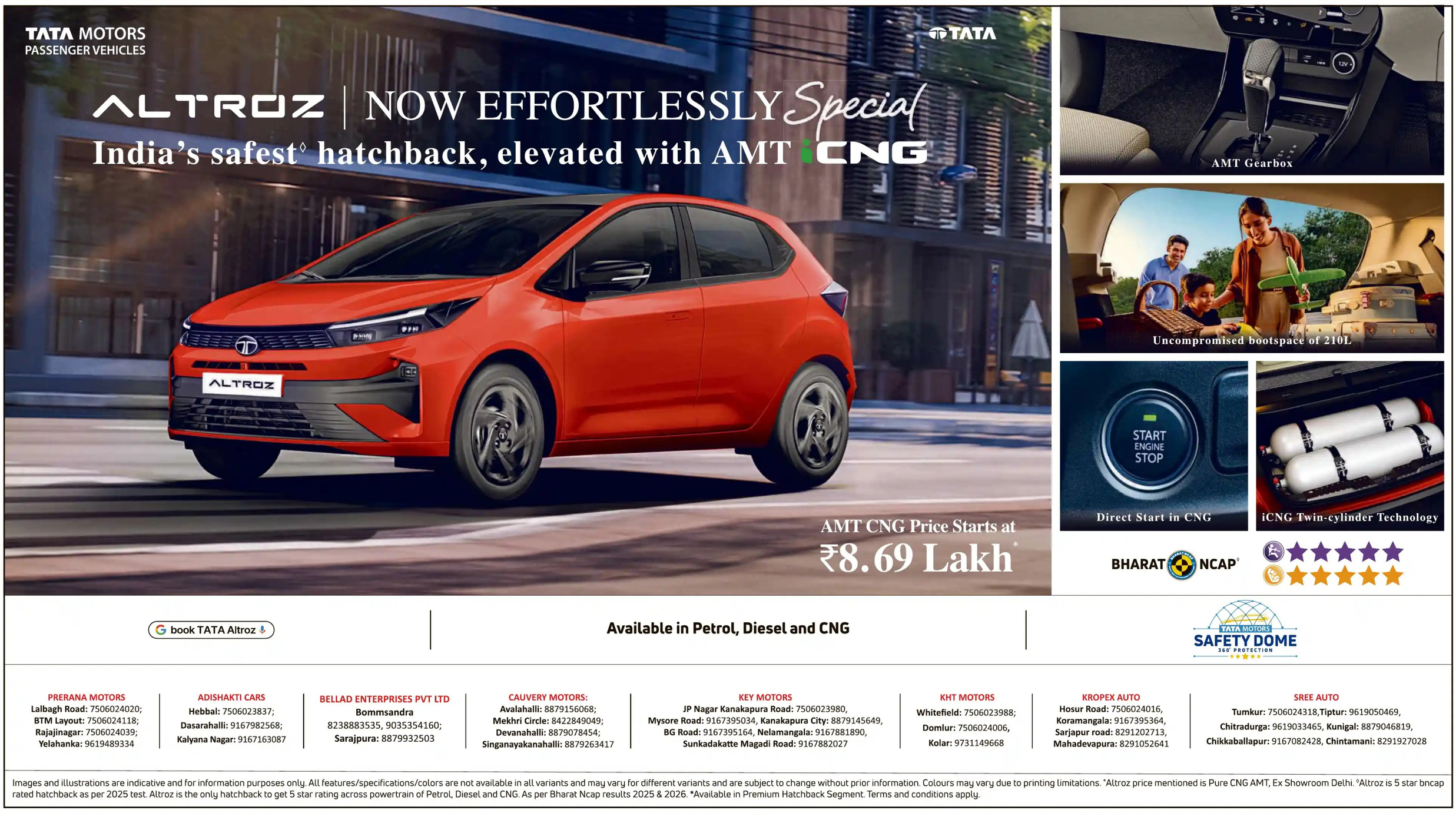
Based on a complaint filed by his wife, Nandini, Thalaghattapura police have registered a case of culpable homicide and launched an investigation.

According to the complaint, Kiran had been working as a housekeeping supervisor at the Iskcon temple in Gubbalala on Kanakapura Road for the past four years. Around 12.30 pm on May 30, he was riding to work for his second shift via Pipeline Road in Talaghattapura when a manja string, allegedly left hanging across the road by kite flyers, got entangled around his neck.

The string caused a deep cut to his throat, resulting in severe bleeding. Passersby rushed him to a nearby private hospital, but he succumbed to his injuries despite treatment.

Nandini alleged that those flying kites were aware of the dangers posed by manja strings. She urged the police to identify the suspects and initiate strict legal action against them.

Police are examining CCTV footage from the area to trace the suspects.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4	Assistant Professor 'E' (Palliative Medicine) (1-UR)
5	Assistant Professor 'E' (Anaesthesiology) (2-UR)
6	Assistant Professor 'E' (Interventional Radiology) (2-UR)
7	Assistant Professor 'E' (Medical Oncology) (Adult Haematolymphoid) (1-UR)
8	Assistant Professor 'E' Intensivist (Critical Care) (1-UR)
9	Assistant Professor 'E' (Preventive Oncology) (1-UR)
10	Scientific Officer 'E' (Translational Cancer Research) (1-UR)
11	Scientific Officer 'E' (Cancer Biology) (2-UR)
12	Medical Physicist 'E' (2-UR)
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14	Scientific Officer 'D' (Clinical Pharmacology) (1-UR)
15	Scientific Officer 'C' (Centre for Cancer Epidemiology) (1-OBC)
16	Scientific Assistant 'B' (Biostatistics) (1-UR)
17	Scientific Assistant 'B' (Nuclear Medicine) (1-UR, 1-SC, 1-OBC)
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S. E. RAILWAY – E-TENDER

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Sl.No.	Tender No.	Closing Date	Brief Description	Qty.	EMD (in ₹)
1	**43263033**	16.06.2026	Supply of Bellow Set made of Meta Aramid/Para Aramid Fabric with Silicon Rubber Coating etc.	252 Set.	4,64,450/-
2	**45263208**	14.07.2026	Electronic Rectifier cum Regulator Unit (ERRU), suitable for 4.5KW Alternator etc.	66 Nos.	1,95,390/-
3	**38264081A**	22.06.2026	Overhauling Kit for ERV (APM) Device for Escort Design BMBS consisting of 7 Items.	2480 Set.	1,74,660/-
4	**38261499**	29.06.2026	Locking plate for AAR type Cartridge Roller Bearing	313296 Nos.	1,54,900/-
5	**38263002**	06.07.2026	Axle end steel high tensile Cap Screw (1" dia. 8 UNC-2A, 2-1/4" full thread length)	193950 Nos.	1,66,390/-
6	**38263198A**	08.07.2026	11 Inch Brake cylinder with built in slack adjuster for KNORR BREMSE Design BMBS without hand brake cables	160 Nos.	1,88,800/-
7	**38263199A**	13.07.2026	11 Inch Brake cylinder with built in slack adjuster for KNORR BREMSE Design BMBS with hand brake cables	160 Nos.	2,07,680/-
8	**38261565**	17.07.2026	Bogie Centre pivot bottom (Spherical type) for CASNUB 22 NLB & CASNUB 22 HS Bogies	3458 Nos.	3,49,950/-
9	**33260032**	06.07.2026	Intercar Gangway Bridge Mounting Complete etc.	1800 Nos.	1,54,590/-
10	**30261352**	08.07.2026	Double acting Shock Absorber for vertical etc.	1700 Nos.	1,71,580/-
11	**33263344**	01.07.2026	Kit consists of two piece design Water Tank etc.	96 Set.	1,76,470/-
12	**45263133**	29.06.2026	Supply of 4.5 KW underslung Constant voltage regulated Cum Emergency Battery Charger for LHB Coaches	106 Nos.	6,01,640/-
13	**IF256183C**	24.06.2026	Design, Supply and commissioning of friction buffer stop	22 Nos.	3,99,790/-
14	**60260019**	25.06.2026	Manufacture & Supply of Plate Screw etc.	107750 Nos.	1,11,760/-
15	**40261591**	07.07.2026	Thin walled electronic Beam Irradiated/Chemically cured cross linked thin walled flexible elastomeric cable etc.	3619 Mtr.	1,55,770/-
16	**33263220**	23.07.2026	Door arrangements R.H and L.H for LHB Coaches etc.	500 Set.	5,47,560/-
17	**30261350**	18.08.2026	Wearing piece for side Bearer on bogie etc.	1100 Nos.	2,08,200/-
18	**25263790B**	16.06.2026	Valve Distributor Type etc.	130 Nos.	1,37,610/-
19	**29263674**	24.06.2026	Spring loaded switch for Head Light Intensity.	1083 Nos.	1,34,190/-
20	**25261277**	29.06.2026	Reverser, 1500 AMPS Capacity WIT etc.	52 Nos.	3,26,090/-
21	**29263079**	07.07.2026	Set of Cable Lugs	63 Set.	1,15,890/-
22	**29263137**	07.07.2026	Pressure sensor for oil circuit transformer	332 Nos.	1,33,120/-
23	**29263153**	13.07.2026	Spring loaded switch for head light	1106 Nos.	1,33,220/-
24	**29264992A**	21.07.2026	Completely Assembled Temperature Sensor	446 Nos.	1,55,500/-
25	**29263062**	04.08.2026	Amplifier to sensor oil circuit	170 Nos.	1,08,330/-
26	**25263621**	11.08.2026	Metallised Carbon Strip etc.	5503 Set.	8,35,070/-
27	**11261097**	17.08.2026	Coupler Body (for TR. CBC only)	159 Nos.	1,61,300/-

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Plea against reducing buffer zones of city stormwater drains

Buffer zones for drains cut to 15m, 10m & 5m

BENGALURU, DHNS

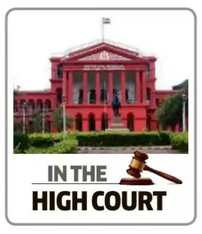
The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday issued notices to the authorities in a public interest litigation (PIL) challenging an official notification that redefines buffer zones for lakes and stormwater drains in Bengaluru.

The petition, filed by Janaadhikaara Sangharsha Parishath, alleged that the October 15, 2025 notification drastically reduced the buffer zones for stormwater drains by more than two-thirds.

Issuing notices to the state government, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), and the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), a division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice KS Hemalekha adjourned the matter to September 2 and directed the authorities to file their responses.

According to the petition, the notification, issued through an amendment to the Revised Master Plan (RMP) 2015, prescribes buffer zones of 15 metres on either side of primary drains, 10 metres for secondary drains, and 5 metres for tertiary drains.

The petition contended that implementation of the revised norms would permanently and irreversibly damage the buffer zones of existing stormwater drains and lakes, causing significant environmental harm.



The organisation stated that it had submitted objections to the draft notification, citing the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report titled 'Performance Audit of Management of Stormwater in Bengaluru Urban Area'. However, it alleged that the final notification was issued without considering those objections.

"The serious consequences of reducing the buffer zones include increased flood vulnerability, regularisation of illegal constructions, and encouragement of private real-estate profiteering at the cost of public safety and health due to excessive flooding during heavy rains, thereby endangering lives and property," the petition stated.

The petitioners further argued that the reduction of buffer zones is contrary to the norms prescribed under the RMP 2015, directions issued by the National Green Tribunal (NGT), guidelines of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), and recommendations made by the CAG. They contended that the notification favours private vested interests over public welfare.

"Stormwater drains and their buffer zones are public assets essential for ecological stability. The state cannot abdicate its fiduciary responsibility by legalising encroachments. The NGT has repeatedly held that buffer zones around drains, lakes, and other water bodies must be preserved and cannot be reduced through executive action," the petition stated.

The petitioners also sought directions to the GBA and the BDA to immediately identify, demarcate, and notify buffer zones around all primary, secondary, and tertiary drains across the Bengaluru metropolitan region.

KIA launches trial service to cut security wait time

BENGALURU, DHNS: Passengers departing from the Kempegowda International Airport's Terminal 1 can now bypass long security queues, with the Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) launching a pilot programme for a slot-based fast-track screening service.

Called 'PreSecure', the facility allows travellers to reserve a preferred security screening slot through the BLR Pulse mobile application before arriving at the airport.

Passengers who book a slot are directed to a dedicated security lane, helping reduce waiting times, particularly during peak travel hours. The service is currently being offered free of charge as part of a trial at Terminal 1.

To use the facility, passengers must scan their boarding pass on the BLR Pulse app and select an available screening slot. Reservations can be made up to 75 minutes before departure. The dedicated screening lane is located near check-in counter 86 at Terminal 1.

Thundershowers lash east Bengaluru; more rain likely

City sees sharp rainfall contrast amid pre-monsoon activity

BENGALURU, DHNS

Waterlogging at the Devarabeesanahalli upper ramp caused congestion on the Kadubeesanahalli–Bellandur stretch on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/ASHWIN BM

Light to moderate rain accompanied by thundershowers, lightning, and gusty winds of 30–40 kmph lashed several parts of Bengaluru, particularly the eastern and southeastern areas, on Tuesday.

The India Meteorological Department's (IMD) HAL Airport observatory, which represents the city's eastern and southeastern regions, recorded 20.6 mm of rainfall during the 12-hour period ending at 8.30 pm.

In contrast, the Bengaluru City observatory received only 3 mm of rainfall during the same period, an IMD official said.

The pre-monsoon thundershowers marked a sharp contrast to rainfall patterns observed last month.

In May, the situation was reversed, with the Bengaluru City observatory — the city's base station — recording a substantial 196 mm of rainfall, while the HAL Airport observatory received just 54.7 mm, according to IMD data.

While Bengaluru City recorded rainfall well above its May average of 128.7 mm, HAL Airport received significantly less than its normal May average of 110.4 mm.

However, June has begun on a different note.

During the first two days of the month, HAL Airport recorded 26.8 mm of rainfall, compared to just 3 mm at the Bengaluru City observatory.

According to the IMD, the pre-monsoon showers over Bengaluru have been triggered by an upper-air cyclonic circulation.

The weather department has forecast light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by gusty winds of 30–40 kmph at many places across Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, and Ramanagara districts on Wednesday.

Temperatures are expected to remain slightly above normal.

For Bengaluru City, the maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 33°C and 22°C, respectively. At HAL Airport, the maximum temperature is forecast at 32°C, slightly above normal, while the minimum is expected to be 22°C, marginally below normal.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with light rain

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	33.0°C
Minimum	22.0°C
Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	NIL
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	54%
Sunset (Jun 3)	6:43 pm
Sunrise (Jun 4)	5:52 am
Moonrise	8:34 pm
Moonset	7:10 am

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

North Corporation reviews infra works, readies for monsoon

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) on Tuesday reviewed the progress of development works being implemented under two grants released by the state government.

The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar, with engineers and contractors in attendance.

Officials were instructed to ensure proper cleaning and maintenance of drains along major arterial and sub-arterial roads across the city. The commissioner also directed officials to prioritise the closure of all potholes within the corporation limits to facilitate safe movement of the public.

To address emergency issues during the monsoon season, Rs 25 lakh has been earmarked per constituency from the Commissioner's Discretionary Fund. Officials were instructed to utilise the funds effectively wherever required.

Officials were also directed to install boundary signboards indicating the limits of the Bengaluru North City Corporation on all roads falling within its jurisdiction.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

CULTURAL

Discourse: Topic 'Hadibadeya Dharma'; Satish Bellur, Vaishnavi D Acharya; Cultural Centre, Ragigudda Sri Prasanna Anjaneyaswamy Bhakta Mandali Trust, Jayanagar 9th Block; 6.30 pm.

Theatre: 'Love Letters; I Am Your Beloved!'; Written by AR Gurney; Directed by Venkatesh Prasad; Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; 7.30 pm.

Comedy: Bangalore Comedy Scene; The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala; 9 pm.

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7-min peak-hour frequency on Yellow Line from today

BENGALURU, DHNS: After enduring long wait times at metro stations, Yellow Line commuters will finally get some relief, starting Wednesday.

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) on Tuesday said it would be inducting two more trains on the RV Road-Bommasandra line, increasing the total number of rakes in service on this corridor to 10.

Frequency during peak hours on weekdays will improve from the existing 9 minutes to 7 minutes. Peak hours run from 8 am to noon and from 4 pm to 9 pm.

Frequency during non-peak hours will be 10 minutes, compared to the existing 14 minutes. On weekends, frequency will be 10 minutes throughout.

However, there will be no change in the first and last train timings from the two terminal stations — RV Road and Bommasandra — on any day of the week.

The operation of 10 trains will mark a pivotal moment in the operation of the Yellow Line, which opened with just three trains in August 2025 after years of delays.

Commuters have since complained of long wait times at the 18 stations that connect the tech hub of Electronics City and localities in southern Bengaluru.

The Yellow Line is expected to get five more trains in the coming weeks. Trainsets 11 and 12 have arrived and are undergoing testing. In addition, BEML is expected to start supplying six more trains for the Yellow Line under a new Rs 414-crore order in 2027.

From today, 85 trains disrupted

BENGALURU, DHNS: Starting Wednesday, a total of 85 train services will be affected due to the commissioning of the Whitefield yard (Phase 1) and yard remodelling work being carried out under the Bengaluru Cantonment–Whitefield quadrupling project.

Of the affected services, 42 trains will be cancelled over the coming weeks. Among them are 27 MEMU services connecting Bengaluru with neighbouring towns, including Kuppam, Marikuppam, Bangarapet and Jolarpettai. Several special and short-distance regular services have also been cancelled.

In addition, seven MEMU trains will be partially cancelled.

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"Today's additional service to Bengaluru reflects the strong demand we are seeing on the route and underlines our continued commitment to the Indian market," said Neil Chernoff, Chief Planning and Strategy Officer, British Airways.

Searches for travel between India and the UK on its website have risen by over 21% this month, the airline said.

A seminar was organised by the Seshadripuram Academy of Business Studies (SABS) in Kengeri Satellite Town on the occasion of its 20th annual day celebrations. (From left) Dr Poornima; Dr Roopashree U, IQAC Coordinator; Dr Jayarama, Principal, SABS Nadoja; D Wooday P Krishna, General Secretary, SET; Dinesh HB, Treasurer, Karnataka Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi; Dr R Manjunath, Principal, SIPUC; Suresh, Physical Education Director; and Dr Shobha MC, Cultural Coordinator attended the event.

EARLY FINDINGS

Study explores gut bacteria treatment for multiple sclerosis

AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

A study published in the 'International Journal of Advances in Medicine' suggests that faecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) may help patients with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) by restoring balance to the gut microbiome.

FMT involves replacing a patient's gut microbiome with that of a healthy donor to correct structural and functional imbalances.

The study noted that India has an estimated 1 lakh to 1.5 lakh people living with multiple sclerosis. Prevalence estimates range from eight to 11 per 1,00,000 population, with about 6,500 new diagnoses reported annually.

Doctors said microbiome-based treatments may offer a different approach from conventional therapies by targeting the gut immune connection rather than directly suppressing the immune system.

What is multiple sclerosis?

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic autoimmune disease affecting the central nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord and optic nerves. It occurs when the immune system mistakenly attacks myelin, the protective fatty sheath surrounding nerve fibres, disrupting the brain's ability to transmit signals to the rest of the body.

Dr Anuradha HK, Lead Consultant, Neurology, said: "Growing evidence suggests that gut bacteria may influence the immune system and brain health. Studies have found that people with sclerosis often have an imbalance in their gut microbiome called dysbiosis. Scientists believe this may reduce inflammation, improve immune regulation, and potentially slow disease activity through what is known as the gut-brain axis."

Some patients experienced improvements in fatigue, bowel symptoms, mood and quality of life after FMT, she said. Some studies also observed changes in immune activity and reduced inflammation markers.

Explaining how gut microbes influence inflammation in the brain and spinal cord, Dr Surbhi Chaturvedi, Consultant Neurology and Head of Stroke Programme at a private hospital, said: "The gut lining in patients with multiple sclerosis becomes weak, leading inflammatory cells and chemicals to enter the blood stream. Following this, blood brain barrier cells are damaged causing abnormal cells and chemicals to enter the brain and the spinal cord."

Doctors said treatment for multiple sclerosis is lifelong and expensive, often prompting patients to seek alternative options.

"A lot of patients are interested in experimental or alternative therapies that help, especially in conditions like multiple sclerosis. Patients get frustrated with the lifelong treatment. While we can use this as a supportive treatment with the regular treatments, we have a long way to go before we make it a standalone treatment."

Residents seek DKS' intervention on 'discriminatory' waste fee

'System creates monopoly for empanelled vendors'

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

With D K Shivakumar set to assume office as chief minister, apartment residents in Bengaluru are seeking his intervention against what they describe as a discriminatory waste management policy that charges apartment complexes up to Rs 12 per kg of waste while independent houses continue to pay nominal user fees through property tax.

Introduced a year ago, the policy, they say, has created a monopoly for empanelled vendors, eliminated competitive pricing and increased waste management costs by as much as six to eight times. The issue is expected to be among the first civic concerns that apartment associations plan to raise with the new Chief Minister.

Under the current framework, independent houses pay between Rs 1,200 and Rs 1,800 annually depending on built-up area. The fee is collected along with property tax and does not attract GST.

However, apartment complexes classified as Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs) are required to hand over waste to authorised processors at rates linked to waste generation. In cases where both wet and dry waste are collected, the charge works out to Rs 12 per kg, translating to about Rs 360 per flat per month or Rs 5,097 annually, including GST.

According to calculations shared by Bangalore Apartments Federation (BAF), a 150-unit complex that currently spends around Rs 9,000 a month on waste management could see its bill rise to Rs 54,000 under the Rs 12-per kg model. A 500-unit apartment currently spending around Rs 25,000 a month could end up paying Rs 1.8 lakh, while a 1,000-unit complex could see monthly costs rise from Rs 45,000 to Rs 3.6 lakh.

"Independent houses pay around Rs 1,200 per year, whereas apartments are being charged as much as Rs 4,500 to Rs 5,000 per flat annually. If an apartment complex has fewer than 100 units, the rates are almost on par with independent houses. This disparity makes no sense," said BAF president Satish Mallya.

He said many apartment associations had not budgeted for such a steep increase. "In large apartments, the associations will find it difficult to collect the charges as many individual owners will not co-operate."

Before the policy came into force, apartment associations had the liberty to engage the services of any of the waste processing firms. Now, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has empanelled only one firm in each corporation jurisdiction, leaving residents with little room to negotiate rates or service standards.

Valli Srinivasan, joint secretary of Bangalore Apartments Federation (BAF) said private vendors are now seeking a flat Rs 300 per month per apartment in addition to 18% GST. "That is at least two-and-a-half times more than what many of us were paying earlier," she said.

WISH LIST

METRO FARE CORRECTION

Metro fares were increased by 72%. Based on Namma Metro's own cost calculations, the increase should have been around 40%. By misapplying the formula, commuters ended up paying roughly 32% more than justified. This is not about reducing fares; it is about correcting them. The new CM must ensure Namma Metro corrects the fares.

Satya Arikutharam,
Independent mobility expert

WATER TARIFF ESCALATION

Last year, BWSSB increased the water tariff by 25 to 50%, claiming that they had not hiked tariff for many years. There is also a clause that allows water tariffs to go up by 3% every year. This must be reconsidered. The BWSSB should be looking to plug the leakages and improve efficiencies..

Srikanth Narasimhan,
Bangalore NavaNirmana Party

B-KHATA CONVERSION CHARGES

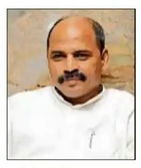
The cost of converting B-khata properties to A-khata under the government's regularisation scheme has become unaffordable.

I have to pay nearly Rs 4 lakh to convert my 60x50 sq ft site. For a senior citizen, that means breaking fixed deposits and losing income. A cap of Rs 50,000 would be reasonable. At present, the charges are too high for ordinary property owners.

Kochu Shankar, Horamavu

No hike in fees for medical courses this year as well

BENGALURU, DHNS: Undergraduate medical seat aspirants across the state will be delighted to know that the Karnataka Private Medical and Dental Colleges' Association has decided against seeking a hike in the fees for medical courses this year.



Dr Sharan Prakash Patil

Sources in the association confirmed that the colleges, cognisant of the troubles people are coping with owing to inflation, had decided against increasing the fees.

"Considering the problems people are facing because of inflation, and the pressure that students have been under following the leak of the NEET paper, we have decided not to seek a hike in the fees," a representative of the association said.

Despite pressure from the association, the government refused to allow the colleges to hike the fees for the 2025-26 academic year. The association had sought permission to increase the fees by 10%, but outgoing Minister for Medical Education Dr Sharan Prakash Patil had dissuaded them from doing so. The fees had been hiked by 10% in 2024-25.

Demand for medical seats in Karnataka is set to be high given that the state now boasts the highest number of available seats.

The government had recently agreed to an increase of 7.5% in the fee for engineering courses, although the colleges had pressed for a 15% to 20% hike.

Govt bans film shooting at schools, cites kids' safety

BENGALURU, DHNS: The department of school education has issued a circular prohibiting shooting on school premises.

This restriction applies to government, aided and unaided private schools affiliated to the state board. The restriction includes shooting of films, short films, documentaries, television serials and videos for social media channels, YouTube and reels.

Commissioner of school education department Vikas Kishore Suralkar has issued instructions to all schools in the state in this regard as shooting affects students' privacy, safety and the learning environment.

"Shooting has been disrupting educational programmes and impacting students' learning. In some places, parents have objected to children being involved during shooting. It also affects their mental health. The responsibility for children's safety lies with headmasters of respective schools. From the perspective of student security, this step has been taken," the order said.

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Traffic curbs today, schools shift to online mode

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Bengaluru Traffic Police have imposed several traffic restrictions in the wake of swearing-in ceremony of the new chief minister. The ceremony is scheduled to take place at 4 pm at the Glass House inside Lok Bhavan.

To minimise severe public inconvenience and ensure VVIP security, the Cubbon Park Traffic Police have declared regulations that will remain in force from 12 pm to 8 pm. Authorities have stated that entry to Lok Bhavan will be strictly restricted to invitees holding official passes and the general public will not be permitted access to the area.

Major road closures

The following stretches will be entirely closed to all vehicles except those officially authorised for the event:

Cubbon Road: Prohibited from BRV Junction to CTO Junction, and from CTO Circle up to Lok Bhavan.

Dr BR Ambedkar Road & Balekundri Junction: No movement from Balekundri Junction towards Dr. B R Ambedkar Road, and from KR Circle towards Coffee Board Junction.

Race Course Road: Blocked from Trilight Junction to Subbanna Junction, and from Old JDS Cross to Subbanna Junction.

Queens Junction Area: Closed from Queens Junction towards CTO/Lok Bhavan, and from St. Mark's Road towards CTO Junction via Queens Junction.

A strict No-Parking zone has been enforced on both sides of several major stretches, including Dr BR Ambedkar Road (from Balekundri Circle to KR Circle), Lok Bhavan Road, Queens Road, Palace Road (from Mysore Bank Circle to Vasanthanagar Underpass) and all internal roads within Cubbon Park.

Virtual classes

Major educational institutions on Kanakapura Road have decided to shift entirely to remote learning. Parents received urgent notices from school administrations on Tuesday night confirming the cancellation of physical classes.

"We did not want students and parents to be inconvenienced due to the traffic regulations, yet at the same time we did not want classes to be disrupted and hence, we decided to conduct classes virtually," said Anitha Bijesh, Principal of Delhi Public School (DPS).

All major schools situated along the Kanakapura Road have suspended physical operations and will function in virtual mode for the day, conducting online classes as per their regular schedules.

Meanwhile, schools inside the core CBD area are also adjusting their timings to ensure students vacate the area before the VVIP traffic restrictions clamp down at noon. Bishop Cotton Boys' School has declared a half-day.

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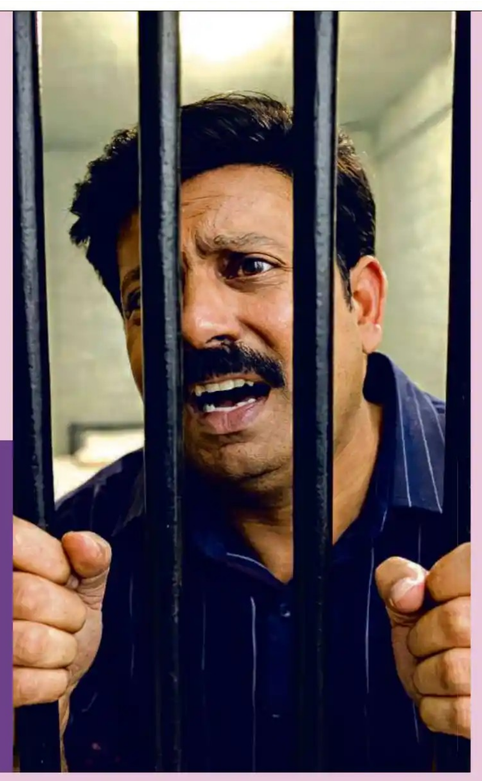

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D K SHIVAKUMAR'S ERA BEGINS: Event at Glass House on premises of Governor's residence

Lok Bhavan all set for swearing-in of K'taka's 24th CM

BENGALURU, DHNS

The stage is set at Lok Bhavan for Doddalahalli Kempegowda (D K) Shivakumar to be sworn in as the 24th chief minister of the state, at 4.05 pm on Wednesday.

The ceremony will be held at the Glass House inside Lok Bhavan.

As many as 11-14 ministers are expected to be sworn in alongside Shivakumar.

Though the ceremony was expected to be held on the grand steps of the Vidhana Soudha, the plan was dropped, over concerns on huge traffic movement should the event attract a huge crowd.

Top Congress leaders like Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, chief ministers and deputy chief ministers of different states and Pradesh Congress Committee presidents will be in attendance.

Invitations have also been extended to students of Doddalahalli government school, manual labourers, pourakarmikas, Dalit and backward class leaders, women leaders, writers, actors, youth leaders, businessmen and so on.

As many as 55 religious heads, including Nirmalanandanatha Swami of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mandya, Shivaratri Deshikendra Swami of Suttur Mutt, Mysuru, Siddalinga Swami of Siddaganga Mutt, Tumakuru, Archbishop Dr Peter Machado, Hazrat Hafeez Dr Sayed Mohammed Ali Al Hussain have been invited.

Sources said special arrangements had been made for VIPs, MLAs, MPs, et al at the Lok Bhavan.

A separate place has been designated for the seers. LED screens have been set up in the gardens for certain VIPs.

On Tuesday, a vaasthu practitioner (astrologer) reportedly visited the chief minister's chamber in the Vidhana Soudha for an assessment.

Workers clean the chief minister's office at Vidhana Soudha to welcome the new incumbent, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/PRASHANTH H G

'Speaker not guided by party high command'

Legislative Assembly Speaker U T Khader on Tuesday dismissed speculation about lobbying for a ministerial berth, and said that as a Speaker he is not guided by any party high command, reports DHNS from Mangaluru.

"The Speaker has no high command. At present, I do not belong to any party," Khader told mediapersons in Mangaluru when asked whether he had met party leaders to secure a place in the state cabinet. "I had visited Lok Sabha speaker's office in Delhi for discussion and not for lobbying," he said.

He said his name was among the frontrunners for a Cabinet position when the Siddaramaiah government was formed, but he was subsequently chosen as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. "Since I continue to hold the Speaker's post, I do not engage in political discussions. Party matters are not on my mind at the moment," he said.

Reponding to a question, Khader denied any competition between himself and B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan for a Cabinet berth.

In post on 'X', CM-designate credits Gandhi family for rise in politics

NEW DELHI, DHNS

KPCC president D K Shivakumar on Tuesday credited the Gandhi family with playing a defining role in his political journey.

In a post on X, he expressed gratitude to the family for recognising his potential and supporting him through challenges.

"For me, the Gandhi family represents different dimensions of leadership recognising potential, standing by people in difficult times, listening with empathy and inspiring others through conviction and service," he said.

"As someone who began as a grassroots worker and has been entrusted today with the responsibility of leading Karnataka, I remain profoundly grateful for their trust and encouragement," he said.

The CM-designate highlighted former prime minister, the late Rajiv Gandhi's early encouragement.

"Shri Rajiv Gandhi avaru saw potential in a young worker even before I could see it in myself. His encouragement gave me the confidence to dream bigger".

Shivakumar praised Sonia Gandhi for standing by him during difficult times, Rahul Gandhi for providing constant guidance and inspiration, and Priyanka Gandhi for treating every worker with respect and dignity.

Progeny of 4 ex-CMs in race for berths

Yathindra leads the pack; Ajay Singh hopes for luck

BENGALURU, DHNS

Children of four former Congress chief ministers, including caretaker Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra, are in race for berths in the new Cabinet.

The other three are former chief minister S Bangarappa's son Madhu Bangarappa, Dharam Singh's son Ajay Singh and R Gundu Rao's son Dinesh Gundu Rao.

Madhu was a minister in the Siddaramaiah Cabinet, with the important School Education and Literacy portfolio and is trying his best for a place in the new ministry.

However, as the Congress high command has reportedly decided to induct senior MLC B K Hariprasad, who belongs to the Ediga community like Madhu, the latter's chances of entering the Cabinet are less.

Congress sources said the high command was in favour of Ajay Singh. A 4-time MLA, he missed the bus previously

Dr Yathindra

Ajay Singh

because of two other legislators Priyank Kharge and Dr Sharan Prakash Patil, from same district (Kalaburagi).

"This time he has high chances of entering the Cabinet, considering his seniority," said the sources. But there are two more senior legislators lobbying - Aland MLA B R Patil and Allama Prabhu Patil.

"Kalaburagi North MLA Khaneez Fatima too is trying her luck and she even met high command leaders in Delhi recently," sources said.

When it comes to caste combinations there is no threat to Dinesh Gundu Rao, but given the aspirants from Assembly constituencies in Bengaluru, he faces tough competition.

"The path is actually easy and clear for Yathindra as the high command has already assured him and his father of giving him a prominent portfolio. Yathindra has expressed interest in medical education and social welfare portfolios," sources said.

Governor's residence turns fortress ahead of ceremony

D K Shivakumar

BENGALURU, DHNS

The city police have made all necessary arrangements for the swearing-in ceremony of D K Shivakumar as chief minister on Wednesday.

"Necessary arrangements have been made for the important ceremony," Seemant Kumar Singh, Bengaluru city police commissioner, told *DH*.

"Arrangements have been made as per the finalised programme. The capacity is limited and fixed in Lok Bhavan and we have received details of entry passes issued by department of personnel and administrative reforms (DPAR). Based on that, we are proceeding further," he added.

The commissioner clarified that there would not be any roadshow following the swearing-in ceremony.

Apart from the city police personnel, Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs), Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) platoons, and Anti-Sabotage Check (ASC) Teams will be deployed to ensure that no untoward incidents occur.

Extensive surveillance, including via drones and CCTVs, is in place to keep vigil.

LED screens have been installed in pre-decided locations to enable public viewing of the ceremony.

Security personnel will be deployed in these places also. Sources said supporters of Shivakumar are expected to arrive in droves from his hometown Kanakapura, Bengaluru south district. "Since the CM-designate has urged his supporters to avoid large gatherings, it is unlikely that we will see increased traffic. Still, arrangements are in place," a senior police officer said.

Given that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is coming for the ceremony, Singh has declared a temporary no-fly zone.

The no-fly zone will cover a 1-km radius of KPCC office and 1-km radius of Shangri-La hotel, where Gandhi is expected to stay. The no-fly zone will be in force at KPCC office from 6 am to 10 pm and at hotel from 6 am to 6 pm on June 4.

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Employees of Soudha, MS bldg get half day off

BENGALURU, DHNS: For government employees working at Vidhana Soudha, Vikasa Soudha and MS building, it will be a half-day on Wednesday.

The Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms has issued a notification in the wake of the swearing-in ceremony of the new Cabinet at Lok Bhavan and the resultant traffic congestion and gathering of crowds.

Legislature will go paperless in 6 months: Speaker

MANGALURU, DHNS: Assembly Speaker U T Khader said on Tuesday that the legislature will go paperless with MLAs and MLCs set to use tabs equipped with an in-built application during the sessions - in next six months.

Paperless legislature will help avoid bundles of papers. It will help reduce expenditure on printing and logistics, he told reporters.

"For digitisation, the government decided to go for National e-Vidhan Application. The Centre will contribute 60% of the cost. It is estimated that Rs 78 cr is required for digitising Assembly in Bengaluru and Belagavi, while it is Rs 52 crore for Legislative Council - inclusive of both locations.

Khader hosts dinner for staff

BENGALURU, DHNS: Speaker U T Khader hosted dinner for officers and employees of Assembly Secretariat at Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha at 6 pm on Tuesday.

However, speaking to reporters, Khader said he had received no official information regarding reports of him becoming a minister. "As far as I know, I'm still the Speaker," he said.

AFFECTION BEYOND APPEAL

Shivakumar advises against banners; fans in no mood to listen

ASRA MAVAD & PUSHKAR V
BENGALURU, DHNS

Despite CM-designate Shivakumar's appeal against putting up banners and posters, several congratulatory banners and flexes were erected across Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Owners of flex and banner printing services in city were flooded with orders, with many receiving them in the hundreds.

"We started receiving orders on May 27, even before Siddaramaiah officially resigned. Currently, we are overbooked and have stopped taking orders. Other printers too reached out to us for help, as they had taken on orders beyond capacity," said Manjunath, owner of RR Nagar-based Ganya Prints. Over the past week, his company got orders for about 500 banners.

"This is the largest number of orders we've ever received for a particular occasion. It's almost double the number of orders we received during the CM's swearing-in ceremony in 2023," he added.

RG Printers on Kanakapura Road also got big influx of enquiries. "The enquiries are not stopping. As we had prior commitments, we had to decline a majority of the bookings. We're only printing 15-20 banners this time," said Shruti, proprietor.

The most commonly ordered flexes and banners include 15 ft circular banners, and 8x10 ft and 3x5 ft rectangular ones. Each banner costs between Rs 10,000 and Rs 15,000. A majority of these can be seen in and around places like Vidhana Soudha, Mekhri Circle (airport road), Chalukya Circle, Queen's Road, Kanakapura Road and Nayandahalli Junction. Some parts of the city also saw digital hoardings.

Speaking to *DH*, a flex-banner printer in south Bengaluru said orders had surged despite legal restrictions. "We know banners and flexes are illegal, but influential clients continue to place orders and we cannot afford to lose business, especially with digital boards coming up across the city," he said. He said his unit alone received an order for around 150 congratulatory banners.

Adhi Digital Prints in Nayandahalli is focusing on hoardings. "We've received orders from close associates of Shivakumar. We're only providing prints and recipients will put them up themselves. Rather than politicians or their teams, most orders are from friends and well-wishers," said Amar, the owner. His prints are being delivered to Channapatna, Bidadi and Ramanagara.

Many opt for printing units located on the city's outskirts to flout Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) surveillance.

Outlawed since 2018

Unauthorised flexes, banners and hoardings are currently banned in the city. Such banners, even by political parties, have been prohibited by the Karnataka High Court since 2018.

In March 2025, Shivakumar directed the GBA to crack down on unauthorised flex boards and banners. However, the city remains flooded with banners of all shapes and sizes.

Multiple banners, in all shapes and sizes, seen on Kanakapura Road in Bengaluru on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Congress flags line Dr Ambedkar Veedhi in Bengaluru. DH PHOTO/B K JANARDHAN

CBI: Nagendra got Rs 1.2 cr, benami vehicle from Valmiki scam

Investigation establishes role of 30 people in siphoning funds

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has alleged a conspiracy by former minister B Nagendra and others in the misappropriation of funds from Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited (KMVSTDCL), according to the charge sheet filed in a Bengaluru court on Tuesday.

The CBI probe established the role of 30 people, including Nagendra, his close associate Nekkanti Nagaraj, KMVSTDCL officials, government officials, officials of the Union Bank of India's M G Road branch and Indian Overseas Bank's (Kukatpally branch in Hyderabad, as well as private individuals and middlemen.

The CBI said Satyanarayana Varma of Hyderabad, another accused, played a crucial role and executed a similar fraud in Chhattisgarh. He allegedly conspired with Etakari Satyanarayan, chairman of First Finance Credit Cooperative Society Ltd, Hyderabad, and opened 18 bogus bank accounts in names of fictitious business entities using forged registration certificates and fabricated KYC documents.

"The MD and Accounts Officer (AO) of KMVSTDCL shared specimen signatures and sensitive banking information with Varma through Nekkanti Nagaraj and other accused. Forged rubber seals and stamps of MD and AO of KMVSTDCL were fabricated by a graphic designer in Hyderabad and used to execute fraudulent banking transactions. Approximately Rs 187 crore was pooled into KMVSTDCL's UBI account by MD and AO," the CBI said.

The agency claimed that Rs 89.63 crore was fraudulently diverted through forged cheques and RTGS transactions, with funds subsequently layered through around 600 bank accounts before being converted into cash, bullion and luxury vehicles. Nagendra allegedly received a benami vehicle.

In 2023-24, tenders worth Rs 13.95 crore for Smart Computer Labs and Roti Making Machines were awarded by ST Welfare Department to M/s SKR Infrastructure, Bengaluru, a firm owned by K Srinivas Reddy, closely connected to Nagaraj.

"Investigation has established that Nagendra received illegal gratification of Rs 1.2 crore through Nagaraj, routed into accounts of Nagendra's sister, brother-in-law, personal assistant and farmhouse owner in Ballari. Nagaraj himself received Rs 5.72 crore from SKR Infrastructure and its sister concerns," the CBI said.

It said, at Nagendra's instance, skill development training work worth Rs 4.9 crore was awarded to Karnataka German Technical Training Institute (KGTTI), Bengaluru, and subsequently subcontracted, without any tender process, to M/s SadguruEducation Trust and M/s Sadguru Solutions, which in turn subcontracted it to M/s Skillpoint Training & Services, Guntur.

"Investigation has established that Rs 64 lakh was paid as illegal gratification to Nagaraj's family, and Rs 15.5 lakh was paid as bribe to Prakash N, section officer, ST Welfare Secretariat," the CBI said.

Siddu appointed Congress Working Committee member

NEW DELHI, DHNS

A day before D K Shivakumar takes oath as Karnataka Chief Minister, his predecessor Siddaramaiah was on Tuesday night appointed a member of the Congress Working Committee, the highest decision-making body of the party.

Siddaramaiah.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has appointed Siddaramaiah as a member of the CWC, Congress General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal said in a statement.

He will be the 37th CWC member besides Kharge while there are 35 permanent invitees and 15 special invitees.

From Karnataka, Syed Naseer Hussain is also in the CWC while B K Hariprasad and M Veerappa Moily are permanent invitees.

The appointment came on a day Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah held discussions with the Congress high command on the composition of the new Cabinet.

Sources said the 77-year-old leader's inclusion in the CWC had been a foregone conclusion as the party wanted to give a signal that the leadership valued the 'Ahinda' leader for his contribution to the party.

This also seeks to blunt criticism that the Congress has removed its lone OBC chief minister while the party is going big on social justice plank. The Congress leadership had earlier offered him a Rajya Sabha seat, which he declined saying that he preferred to stay in state politics.

Plea on minimum wages: High Court orders notice to govt

60% hike arbitrary, economically ruinous, say petitioners

BENGALURU, DHNS

The high court, hearing a petition challenging the May 22 notification on the increase in minimum wages, ordered notice to the state government on Tuesday.

Justice Jyoti M adjourned the matter to June 9, to consider the petition seeking interim stay of the notification.

The petition has been filed by the Karnataka Employers Association and Ethereal Machines Private Limited, Bengaluru.

The May 22 notification enumerates 81 different scheduled employments for which the rates of minimum wages have been revised.

The proposed rates mandate an increase of up to 60%, which the petitioners claimed was arbitrary, economically ruinous and in violation of the right to carry on business guaranteed under Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution.

According to the petitioners, any quinquennial revision of minimum wages ought to be reasonable and measured, restricted to an increase of 10 to 15% as consistently done in the past.

The notification has invoked sections 3(1)(b) and 5(1)(b) of the Minimum Wages Act.

The petitioners contended that the Minimum Wages Act stood officially repealed upon the enforcement of the Code on Wages, 2019, with effect from November 21, 2025.

A combined reading of Section 69 of the Code on Wages with Section 6 of the General Clauses Act, demonstrates that the concept of 'Scheduled Employment', having been repealed under the Code on Wages, cannot be legally sustained or given continued effect, the petition said.

Further, the petition said the government's notification was in direct violation of the operational interim orders passed by the high court in several petitions.

In these interim orders, the court directed the government not to issue or implement any final notification after the meeting of the Minimum Wages Advisory Board, without seeking prior leave of the court, the petition said.

"The statutory authority has acted arbitrarily, capriciously and hurriedly in issuing the impugned notification, without realizing the severe economic repercussions on industrial establishments. These establishments are now forced to bear an unsustainable financial burden of a minimum wage hike exceeding 60% that was unlawfully invoked under a repealed Act," the petitions said.

LESS SILT, MORE WATER

Farmers use excavators to desilt the backwaters of the Tungabhadra dam near Gunda forest in Hosapete taluk of Vijayanagara district on Tuesday. Raitha Sangha leaders say they have undertaken the task to urge the government to desilt 33 tmc ft of silt from the dam. Farmers from Kampli, Kurugod and Siruguppa loaded the silt on to 60 tractors and transported it to their villages.
DH PHOTO/LAVA K

Aland clash: Cancel order to withdraw case, BJP urges guv

BENGALURU, DHNS: A delegation of BJP leaders on Tuesday met and urged Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to cancel an order issued by the Congress government withdrawing a case related to the 2022 clashes at the Ladle Mashak Dargah at Aland in Kalaburgi district.

The Cabinet recently decided to withdraw cases in 42 instances, including the Aland case.

Speaking to reporters after meeting the governor, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy said, "Due to vote bank politics and to appease Muslims, the government has withdrawn the cases registered against those who attacked the Raghav Chaitanya Mandir".

Claiming that there had been attacks on police and that public property had been destroyed in the incident, he claimed that the Congress had proven yet again that it was "anti-people".

"Against this backdrop, this unconstitutional and anti-people order must be immediately cancelled. Even as the hearing of this incident is pending before the court, the government has withdrawn the cases against the attackers. We have submitted a memorandum to the governor that these cases should not be withdrawn," he said.

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Progress, with notes of caution

India has recorded an impressive performance in public health indicators in the sixth round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6), released last week. The gains are significant compared with findings from recent surveys. Increased social health spending has helped the country achieve remarkable outcomes in reproductive health and childcare. Institutional deliveries are at 90% now. Compared with the NFHS-5 findings, child stunting dropped from 35.5% to 29.3%, and severe wasting dropped from 7.7% to 5.2%. Vaccination levels for children are above 96%. The survey reflects the positive impact of Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY and other health protection initiatives. Outside the health sector, it reveals commendable progress in women's digital inclusion and financial empowerment.

While these are positive signals, some of the survey's findings should also cause serious concern. Child nutrition is one such area: 85% of India's children in the 6-23 months age group are not receiving an adequate diet. A decline in exclusive breastfeeding during the first six months has been reported. More than 31% of children have been found underweight. The survey also reports an increasing incidence of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and obesity. One in six Indians is reportedly diabetic, and close to 30% are obese. The obesity level is about 27% for men and more than 30% for women. As most children do not receive essential nutrition, childhood obesity is a growing trend in the country. In the survey, there are pointers to a paradox related to nutrition: the coexistence of undernutrition, which leads to stunting and wasting in children, and worrying levels of obesity. The survey shows that nutritional diversity, which is critical to all segments of the population, needs to be promoted and accorded special attention in the case of children.

Some key metrics are missing from NFHS-6, which also reveals worrying trends in nutrition and lifestyle diseases

NFHS-6 is also important for what it does not say. It entails only 101 key indicators as against 131 in NFHS-5. The survey has left out markers such as anaemia prevalence, sex ratio at birth, infant and child mortality rates, and household use of clean cooking gas. Although the reason for these omissions is not explained, some parameters are reportedly shifted to specialised surveys. The survey does not reveal an ideal picture of the country's health, with concerns marked across sections of the population. Its findings present a case for greater momentum in public health investment and targeted programmes tailored for optimal impact. India cannot afford a growing population that is grappling with falling health.

Privilege in the fast lane must stop

The viral protest by a Bengaluru motorist who sat on the Old Airport Road after being held up by Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's convoy has struck a chord far beyond the immediate incident. Police later found that his claim about a pregnant wife in the vehicle was untrue, but that is beside the point. The public response to the incident reveals something deeper: a growing resentment against a system that routinely inconveniences thousands of ordinary citizens for the comfort of a few. The Governor was not rushing to a medical emergency, a natural disaster, or a matter of urgent state business. He was returning home after landing at the old airport. Yet traffic was halted, and commuters were made to wait indefinitely. There is no known specific security threat to him. The protection he receives is positional; it is attached to the office, not the person. That distinction should encourage greater restraint.

This problem is not confined to the Governor alone. Bengaluru's residents know all too well what it means to have highways sealed, arterial roads blocked, and even approach routes to the Kempegowda International Airport disrupted for VIP movement. Passengers have missed, or feared missing, flights because entire stretches were held up for convoys. Ironically, Karnataka has already demonstrated that a different approach is possible. Shortly after assuming office, outgoing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah opted out of the zero-traffic protocol, acknowledging the hardship it imposed on citizens. Signal-to-signal coordination replaced blanket road clearances. The sky did not fall.

The signal from the streets is clear: VIP entitlement cannot be allowed to inconvenience citizens

Officially, only three state functionaries – the Governor, the Chief Minister, and the Home Minister – are entitled to zero traffic. In practice, pilot vehicles and police escorts have become status symbols for a much wider class of public representatives. Security has increasingly merged with prestige. Courts have repeatedly frowned upon the unnecessary disruption caused by VIP movement, and even the Prime Minister has spoken of the need for austerity in public life. Ultimately, this is a British-era mindset that survives long after colonial rule ended. Dismantling it requires more than the occasional rebuke; it needs a cultural shift within the political and administrative establishment itself. Public office is a responsibility, not a licence for privilege. Those who govern should experience the same traffic, delays, and frustrations endured by the people they serve. The protest on Old Airport Road was merely a symptom. Public patience is wearing thin, and those in power would do well not to take it for granted.

HEAT IMBALANCE

The gender gaps in India's climate policy

Women are disproportionately vulnerable to climate change, making gender-responsive adaptation imperative

ROHAN QURASHI

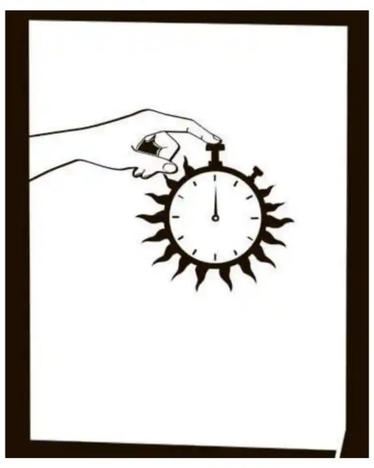
Seven of the Earth's nine life-sustaining planetary boundaries, which make the planet habitable, have already been breached, according to the Planetary Health Check report (2025), published by the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany. This is a clear sign of how humanity, in its relentless pursuit of a cowboy economy model, has systematically entrenched the destabilisation of our planet. Of these nine boundaries, climate was the first one to be transgressed, and has since assumed the role of an accelerant – leading to the continuous breakdown of the other planetary systems.

The threat of this destabilisation is lurking over the Indian subcontinent with particular ferocity. The Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2026, released by Germanwatch, placed India ninth among the most affected climate-vulnerable countries in the world. The year 2025 alone offered harrowing evidence of this vulnerability: India recorded extreme weather events on more than 99% of days between January and November. These events—including heatwaves, cold waves, cyclones, and floods—collectively claimed at least 4,419 lives, devastated approximately 17.4 million hectares of cropland, killed an estimated 77,189 animals, and ruined at least 181,459 homes.

On May 22 this year, all 50 of the world's hottest cities were in India, underlining the severity of the 2026 heatwave. While India grapples with increasingly intense heat and other disasters fueled by the climate crisis, the cost of these burdens falls disproportionately upon the structurally marginalised social groups. The existing resilience framework, with its limited engagement with climate equity, risks reproducing these socio-structural disparities. Resilience, therefore, must be grounded in an equity-first approach – one that places the most vulnerable at the centre of both governance reforms and infrastructure investments.

Beyond environmental damage, climate change threatens to undermine progress in human rights and gender equality by disproportionately affecting women and girls. As a "threat multiplier," its cascading effects compound women's vulnerability. This compounding is starkly visible in the domain of agriculture, where women now account for over 42% of India's workforce; nearly 77% of rural women are engaged in the sector.

With rising temperatures, shifting monsoon trough, and increasingly erratic rainfall, the cropping cycles have been destabilised, and drought-flood oscillations have been intensified. As a result, projections by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the International Food Policy Research Institute suggest that yields of major staple crops could decline significantly by 2030, with rain-fed regions producing nearly half of India's foodgrains facing the greatest risks.



The consequences for women cultivators are particularly devastating. Given that women constitute a significant proportion of India's small and marginal farmers, even a single failed agricultural season can precipitate the collapse of an entire rural household. Research in the Indian Journal of Psychiatry (IJP) has linked weather-driven crop losses to increased mental distress and suicide rates in rural communities. In Maharashtra's Amravati district, female farmer suicides have been associated with climate-induced crop losses, debt, and inadequate institutional support.

Beyond economic devastation, climate-induced disasters pose serious risks to women's health and safety. Last year, India's "food basket" experienced its worst floods since 1988, causing mass displacement and forcing women into unsanitary conditions that increased their risk of infections and security threats. Intensifying heatwaves worsen these challenges. Research in Tamil Nadu found that pregnant women performing heavy physical labour faced nearly double the risk of miscarriage and adverse pregnancy outcomes due to heat exposure, underscoring the need to centre women in India's climate framework.

Agents of resilience

Recognising women's disproportionate vulnerability to climate change is only half the challenge; the other is acknowledging their role as agents of resilience and climate action. Arunabha Ghosh, CEO of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), in an interview with the author, said addressing the gendered dimensions of climate change was essential. Evidence across sectors supports this.

In Amritsar and Ludhiana, the adoption of around 1,200 e-autos promoted clean mobility while enabling more than 200 women to work as e-rickshaw drivers. Similarly, Uttar Pradesh's Vidyut Sakhi programme has trained about 30,000 rural women as electricity bill collection agents, creating livelihoods while generating over Rs 2,000 crore in revenue for state utilities. These examples demonstrate that women are not only vulnerable to climate impacts but are also central to climate solutions, making a gender lens in climate policy a governance imperative.

Although the United Nations recognised women's disproportionate vulnerability to climate change in 2009, institutional responses remain inadequate. At COP29, despite the designation of a 'Gender Day,' only eight of the 78 world leaders present were women, reflecting the persistent underrepresentation of women in climate decision-making. The deficit is not confined to representation and extends to the domain of data. The Gender Snapshot Report 2025 finds that only 57.4% of the data required to track Sustainable Development Goal 5 (gender equality) is currently available, leaving 42.6% of the evidence needed to assess women's empowerment still missing. What cannot be measured cannot be governed – and without robust, gender-disaggregated data, climate policy will continue to operate on assumptions rather than evidence.

In India, a study revealed 43% of state-level action plans didn't have significant mentions of gender. A one-size-fits-all approach to climate change adaptation may not be effective. Ranked 23rd on the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2026, India occupies the medium-performing tier – reflecting meaningful progress, but also considerable unrealised potential. Therefore, it is crucial to focus on resilience and adaptation for women's health, tailored to their local needs and contexts.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Squabbles, *samosas*, and service

The secret to happy life in a gated community is to embrace chaos

ASHOK B HERYANI

Living in a condominium means becoming part of a mini-society, complete with its own advantages, bylaws, rituals, and frustrations. And at the centre of it all sits the residents' welfare association (RWA), valiantly trying to keep everyone happy.

The RWA is the spice in the dal of condominium living. Sometimes it adds flavour; sometimes it makes the dish hard to swallow, but it is always there, quietly or noisily stirring the pot. Much like a careful cook, it keeps adjusting the heat, hoping the community doesn't boil over while aiming for a result that satisfies every palate.

Having lived in a few apartment complexes, I've come to realise that RWAs are a vital, if occasionally quirky, institution. While the rest of us go about our routines, these volunteers are negotiating with service providers, contractors, and government authorities. They keep essential facilities running and organise community gatherings through the year: Diwali melas, Independence Day functions, Holi celebrations and Republic Day events that, for a few hours at least, bring neighbours together as a community.

But turn the coin over and the 'welfare' in RWA can occasionally feel like 'warfare'. Rules are enforced with selective enthusiasm, often backed by a clause most residents never knew existed. Information is shared sparingly. Queries go unanswered for weeks, then receive a brief response or a routine circular. Election time, of course, tells a different story. Candidates promise transparency, regular updates, and open communication. Once elected, those promises tend to settle quietly into the background, making only occasional reappearances.

Of course, some RWAs manage this far better than others, and the difference shows in how smoothly the community runs. Where residents engage constructively instead of only complaining, and where committees listen instead of merely announcing decisions, something closer to genuine community tends to emerge.

The society's WhatsApp and email groups have opinions on everything. A message about a leaking tap can, within minutes, become a full discussion on plumbing standards, builder quality, past committee decisions, and the general moral decline of civic sense. What begins as a discussion often turns into a series of small, persistent disagreements, each point met with a counterpoint. Someone inevitably reminds residents to avoid 'forwards', pointing out that the group is meant only for condominium-related matters, which usually leads to another round of messages debating what actually qualifies as a condominium matter. Everyone has a viewpoint, and few are easily persuaded. Parking, pets, noise levels, the exact shade of beige for the façade, and maintenance charges: nothing is too small to debate.

An RWA, in many ways, is a microcosm of our democracy: loud, messy, occasionally absurd, but oddly functional. It is the 'bad' we tolerate because of the immense 'good' it provides.

The secret to a happy life in a gated society, perhaps, is to embrace this chaos. And make it a point to attend the annual general meeting. You may go for the condominium updates, but you will stay for the warmth of the community and, of course, hot tea and delicious *samosas*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parallel censorship structures invite systemic political abuse

I refer to 'Hate speech: The case against another law' (Jun 2). The dismissal of Karnataka's anti-hate speech Bill correctly highlights that India's criminal justice crisis stems from a paralysis of performance rather than a scarcity of statutes. Overlapping state regulations with the existing central framework merely breeds constitutional friction and parallel censorship structures. The real institutional failure lies in weak investigation, subpar evidence-gathering, and delayed prosecution. True deterrence relies entirely on the credible certainty of enforcement. The state must bridge these administrative gaps to effectively curb hate speech rather than relying on redundant legal novelty.

K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

Austerity augurs well

It is laudable that Karnataka CM-designate D K Shivakumar has shelved the idea of a grand oath-taking ceremony on the steps of Vidhana Soudha, opting for a simple function. This is a welcome step in sparing Bengalureans the hardship of unnecessary traffic snarls. One hopes the new CM will ensure a people-friendly governance in the days to come.

Laxman Gorlakatte, Mysuru

Correct the system

The NEET exam paper leaks have become a regular affair. It is intriguing to note that the Union Education Minister denied it first and, after an inordinate delay, accepted but did not resign from his post. It appears that, as a nation, we are miserably failing in the smooth conduct of the exams, let alone elections. The sanctity of examinations should be restored.

S Shashidhar, Bengaluru

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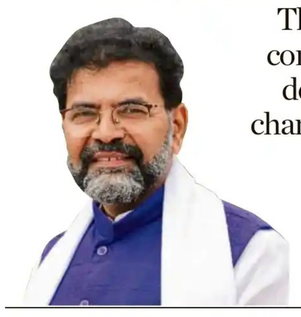

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Mirrors should think longer before they reflect.
Jean Cocteau

TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

To the new CM, a letter of hope

This is a moment to forge a people-centric Karnataka that defends constitutional rights and federalism

JANAKI NAIR AND A R VASAVI

Congratulations on becoming the 24th Chief Minister of the wonderful state of Karnataka. Yes, this is neither a boon nor a curse, but an opportunity to carve out a new style of politics in the state, drawing from the best traditions of your predecessors, but also responding immediately to the urgent demands of our times.

So we write this open letter to you, Mr D K Shivakumar, as an expression of hope that in the two years remaining until the next Assembly elections, you will shape Karnataka as a model state and ensure continuity in governance.

The next two years can be a time when party members are allowed to 'reap' rewards for themselves. Or they can set the pace for a new Karnataka – guaranteeing its citizens the long-promised justice, equality, and protection of its precious cultural, social, and political heritage. You can make that difference by forging a new social and political contract in the state and involving its people.

Most urgently, the impending Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls should not be allowed to achieve what it has done in states such as Bihar and West Bengal. We are acutely aware of its goals: to shift the burden of proving the right to reside and vote in this country to citizens, to disenfranchise lakhs of Indian voters, and thereby deny them their political existence and a social and economic life. Karnataka must fight tooth and nail – legally and politically – against this sinister attempt to reverse the provisions of our Constitution and the rights it grants every citizen.

The government must recognise the threats climate change and now El Niño pose to millions of people and bioregions. The dominant real-estate agenda must not be allowed to engulf our ecological balance and the right of future generations to a rich and varied environment.

Karnataka has been the pioneer in women's reservations: now, we must step up this legacy. No, it is not at all necessary for women's reservation to be linked to the Census or delimitation. There must be no conditions for bringing more women into public political life. The acknowledgement of women's right to reservation, and the training for the 2028 elections, must earnestly begin now. Greater inclusion in political life should be the next guarantee for the women of Karnataka.

The federal structure that the writers of our Constitution forged is being eroded. The time has come for the aggressive re-assertion of the state's rights – to determine what it wants to give its citizens and how it will be accountable to them. Karnataka must remind the Government of India that the nation is a Union of states. Policies related to education and agriculture must reflect the state's requirements. Karnataka must reject delimitation as the basis for determining its presence in Parliament. It must take a strong stand against the apportioning of the state's share in Central finances and form a committee on Centre-state relations to rightfully claim what the Constitution guarantees.

Inclusion and sustainability

Karnataka can imagine and forge a new path to development. The entire state cannot be brought under the Greater Bengaluru Authority. Instead, leave a historic mark on Bengaluru by adding one large park, rather than towers and tunnels. We have not had a single such addition since the 19th century.

The government must listen with respect to experts who recommend alternative and sustainable modes of development, and with empathy to farmers fighting for their livelihoods. You can set Karnataka on a different path that will provide opportunities for the young across the state. The gig economy is not the solution to unemployment. Decentralised democracy and alternative visions of development that ensure the well-being of all citizens can be the template on which a new Karnataka model can emerge.

There are other urgent responsibilities, but we add one more: it is upon you to ensure peace and equality among all communities residing in this state, a true *shantiya thota*. It is important that you *politically* counter, in every step, the dangerous and violent assertions being made against sections of the Indian people in other states. The success of the state government's five guarantees can be celebrated, but only when the other promises – to roll back the regressive anti-cattle slaughter and anti-conversion legislations – have been fulfilled.

The people of Karnataka deserve the government they voted for in 2023.

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What Marcus Aurelius, Shiva, and stoicism understood about the human mind

ANKIT BUDANIA

In his 2005 Stanford commencement speech, Steve Jobs recalled reading a line when he was young: if one lived each day as if it were the last, eventually one would be right. Over time, he said, remembering death became one of his most important decision-making tools. Fear of embarrassment, failure, and external judgment lost much of its grip when measured against the reality that life itself was temporary.

Death, as every human being's eventual destination, appears obvious. Yet rather than allowing this awareness to sharpen priorities, most people bury themselves in distraction, vanity, comparison, and endless trivial pursuits. Entire years disappear in social performance, anxiety, invisible rivalries, and the pursuit of symbols mistaken for meaning. Life itself quietly becomes postponed — reduced to waiting for some future milestone or moment of validation instead of something consciously lived.

The problem is not ambition itself. Human beings are meant to strive, build, create, and pursue excellence. There is dignity in hard work, achievement, and mastery. Ambition begins to curdle when it becomes untethered from character and virtue — when externally manufactured reputation becomes more important than genuine self-worth, performative success more important than fulfilment earned through disciplined effort and meaningful pursuit, and outward appearance more important than physical vitality and health. Much of modern life becomes consumed by symbols, vanity, and performative self-presentation while forgetting that every human being eventually arrives at the same end.

This idea appears clearly in the Stoic writings of Marcus Aurelius. Despite ruling the vast Roman Empire, Aurelius constantly reminded himself of the temporary nature of power, wealth, and reputation. In *Meditations*, he writes, "Think of yourself as dead. You have lived your life. Now take what's left and live it properly." For the Stoics, *Memento Mori* — remember that you will die — was not a morbid fixation on death, but a discipline of clarity reminding human beings that time is too limited to be consumed entirely by vanity, social performance, and symbolic living.

Ancient Indian thought approached the same psychological problem through the idea of *Manas* — the faculty of mind that allows human beings not merely to experience reality but to imagine, fear, desire, and multiply suffering. Human beings can relive humiliation for years, fear failures before they arrive, and become consumed by imagined futures that may never occur. The same mental faculty that enables civilisation, art, and ambition can also trap people in cycles of vanity and endless dissatisfaction. In one symbolic Puranic story, Brahma becomes obsessively attached to Shatarupa, while Shiva, manifesting as Rudra, severs one of Brahma's heads — not as punishment for desire itself, but as a warning against desire that has lost all relationship to restraint, proportion, and reality.

Modern life intensifies this condition. Human desire today is constantly stimulated, amplified, and commercialised through social media, advertising, buy-now-pay-later consumerism, and distractions designed to keep attention restless and appetite permanently unsatisfied. People are encouraged not merely to possess more but to constantly compare, display, consume, and seek validation through curated digital identities. Contemporary writers like Mark Manson describe this as a "hedonic treadmill" — a cycle in which temporary pleasures quickly fade into normality. In contrast, pursuits whose meaning deepens through repetition rather than consumption — whether reading, philosophy, artistic expression, meaningful work, or physical discipline — tend to sharpen the mind and deepen human sensitivity. Without such anchors, individuals gradually become trapped in cycles of compulsion, shallow performance, external approval, and restless dissatisfaction. Much of modern anxiety emerges from this contradiction: people seek mastery over the world while remaining unable to govern their own minds.

Awareness of mortality ultimately forces prioritisation — towards character over vanity, meaningful work over hollow performance, and genuine fulfilment over endless accumulation and approval. In the end, it compels human beings to confront a deeper question: what is truly worth devoting oneself to?

That clarity is perhaps best illustrated not by any philosopher but by Bhagat Singh. Popular memory often reduces him merely to revolutionary symbolism, yet Singh was deeply intellectual. In prison, awaiting execution, he read voraciously — Marx, Russell, Hugo, and Dostoevsky. His fearlessness was not the recklessness of someone indifferent to consequences but the composure of someone who had already decided what mattered. Once anchored in purpose rather than vanity or comfort, even hardship and suffering become smaller concerns, and fear begins to lose much of its grip. His 116-day hunger strike was not despair but a disciplined protest rooted in dignity, self-respect, and an unwillingness to compromise moral seriousness even under extreme suffering. And so when death finally came for him, he did not meet it as a man desperately clinging to life but as someone who had already lived with such intensity of purpose that death itself could no longer intimidate him — echoing the words of Mark Twain: "A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time."

To remember mortality properly is not to become obsessed with endings but more attentive to the present — to work worth doing for its own meaning, conversations worth having, books worth reading, friendships worth preserving, and ordinary days that quietly constitute an entire life.

Most people spend their lives preparing to finally live someday. The more uncomfortable question is: what if this was the life itself?

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Since artificial intelligence is built on the collective knowledge of humanity — writers, artists, musicians, journalists, teachers, scientists and ordinary citizens — the wealth it generates must benefit humanity

The public should own half of the big AI companies

BERNIE SANDERS

Artificial intelligence will almost certainly be the most transformational technology in the history of the world. It will profoundly affect the life of every man, woman and child in our country. It will bring — and is already bringing — unimaginable changes to our economy, our democracy, our emotional well-being, our environment and how we educate and raise our children. Further, there is a very real fear that as AI becomes smarter than humans it could eventually function independently, with potentially catastrophic consequences.

The question, then, is not whether AI will change the world. It will. The question is: Who will own and control that future? Who will benefit from it, and who will be hurt by it? Will AI be used to make life better for working families? Will it enrich our quality of life? Will it help us eliminate poverty, extend life expectancies and solve the climate crisis? Or will the future of humanity be determined by a handful of billionaires who have promoted and developed AI, with virtually no democratic input, who stand to become even richer and more powerful than they are today?

That is the choice before us.

Let us be clear. Artificial intelligence was not created out of thin air. The data and language used by generative AI tools didn't just pop into Sam Altman's head or Elon Musk's imagination. AI is built on our collective intelligence: our books, songs, artwork, journalism, computer code, scientific research, videos, conversations, images and ideas spanning generations. That is not just the opinion of Bernie Sanders. According to Altman, the head of OpenAI, AI models were trained on our "collective experience, knowledge" and "learnings of humanity."

For the most part, tech oligarchs have fed this knowledge into their AI models without permission, without acknowledgment, without compensation. In other words, the creative work of millions of people — writers, artists, musicians, journalists, teachers, scientists and ordinary citizens — has essentially been stolen by some of the wealthiest people in the world. It's time for us to reclaim it.

Since AI is built on the collective knowledge of humanity, the wealth it generates must benefit humanity. Not just Musk, Altman, Dario Amodei and other moguls whose companies are positioned to dominate the industry. Not just venture capitalists in Silicon Valley or money managers on Wall Street who undoubtedly see AI as the next great wealth-extracting machine.

That is why I will soon be introducing the American AI Sovereign Wealth Fund Act. This legislation would give the public a direct ownership stake in the largest AI companies in our country. How? It would create a sovereign wealth fund through a one-time 50% tax — not on the profits of OpenAI, Anthropic, xAI and other companies, but paid with something far more valuable than that: the stock.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

If passed, this legislation would do two crucial things. First, it would give the public a direct role in determining the future of this technology. No longer would the future of AI and the transformation of human life that it will bring be dictated by a handful of Big Tech oligarchs. The federal government would have the power, through its voting shares and an equal representation on each company's board, to block decisions that hurt our citizens and to push for policies that help them.

Second, this legislation would guarantee that the trillions of dollars potentially generated by AI are used to improve the lives of all of us — not simply to make the richest people in the world even richer. If the big AI companies continue to grow as rapidly as many analysts expect, then the value of the sovereign wealth fund will grow as well — and the benefits to the American people will grow along with it.

This is not an original idea. It has been proposed by scholars. It has been endorsed by some of the leading AI companies in America. OpenAI, for example, recently proposed creating a "public wealth fund that provides every citizen — including those not invested in financial markets — with a stake in AI-driven economic growth." Anthropic, led by Amodei, similarly proposed the creation of "national sovereign wealth funds with stakes in AI" Musk, who runs xAI, wrote, "Universal HIGH INCOME via checks issued by the Federal government is the best way to deal with unemployment caused by AI."

Dozens of sovereign wealth funds exist all over the world to ensure that ordinary people benefit from national wealth. Norway's sovereign wealth fund, one of the largest in the world, was funded from the country's oil wealth and is now worth more than $2 trillion. Instead of a few oil executives pocketing all the benefits of this national resource, Norway made the decision that this wealth should be used to improve life for all of its people.

This concept has already been put into practice right here at home (US). Fifty years ago, Alaska created a sovereign wealth fund from the state's oil revenues. For decades, it has paid annual dividends directly to Alaskans. Moreover, public pension funds in states across the country already hold hundreds of billions of dollars in the stock of companies throughout America. Even President Trump, in an executive order, has proposed establishing an American sovereign wealth fund.

To start, the billions, if not trillions, of dollars generated by this fund would provide direct payments to the American people. And as the fund generates more and more wealth, the proceeds would be used to ensure that every man, woman and child in our country has a decent and dignified standard of living, including health care, education and housing.

Needless to say, I recognise that for the government to have a major stake in a company, particularly one for which AI is only part of its business, is complicated. More details — including the specific spending priorities and the mechanics of implementation — will be included in the legislation I unveil in the coming weeks.

But the principle is simple: When a public resource generates wealth, the public should share in that wealth. AI is being built on a public resource far more valuable than oil: the accumulated knowledge, creativity and labour of mankind.

The future of AI and the fate of humanity must not be decided behind closed doors in Silicon Valley. It must not be dictated by billionaires seeking to maximize their power and profit. It must be decided by workers, parents, teachers, artists, scientists, communities and the American people. It's our future. We must decide it.

(The writer is an independent senator from Vermont, US) **NYT**

When school sections become labels

PRAMOD SRIDHARAMURTHY

Come exam season, schools are under pressure. Parents want results, and managements want good pass percentages. In this environment, some schools appear to be adopting a practice that looks efficient but can be deeply harmful to children.

Students are being moved across sections in the same grade, sometimes during the academic year, based on test scores. Section A has the highest scorers, Section B has the next group, and so on, until the last section has children who scored the lowest.

At first glance, this may look practical. Schools may argue that high-performing students need a faster pace, while struggling students need more support. These are valid concerns. But there is a big difference between identifying learning gaps and publicly sorting children by marks.

A child moved to the 'weak section' is not just receiving academic support but is also being given a label. Students know what the sections mean. Parents know it. Teachers know it. The child knows it most of all.

Test marks show performance. They do not define a child's identity. A student who scores less may be struggling with a concept, language, confidence, home situation, health, attention, or exam readiness. But when the child is placed in a lower section, the message can become much harsher: "This is where you belong."

For a child, especially in high school, this can be damaging. These are already stressful years, with academic pressure, peer comparison, parental expectations, and self-doubt. Visibly ranked sections can affect confidence and belonging. Some children may feel ashamed. Some may withdraw. Some may stop trying. A child who has stopped trying is not a child who is being helped.

Children do not grow in straight lines. A child may be strong in mathematics but weak in language. Another may be slow in exams but good at problem-solving. A third may improve suddenly with the right teacher or support. Children are uneven, and that is normal. Schools should be flexible enough to respond to this, not rigid enough to brand them.

The intention may not be to hurt children, but intention is not enough. A practice must be judged by its effect. This kind of sectioning can also change teacher expectations and classroom pace. The top section may get more attention, faster teaching, and sometimes the best teachers. Lower sections may get slower pacing and lower ambition. Over time, the gap can widen, and the school may mistake the result for proof that the grouping was right.

Schools that do this well keep regular sections mixed and provide subject-wise support. A child who needs help in mathematics can attend a focused support session without being moved into a permanently lower section. Remedial support can be temporary, flexible, and based on specific learning needs. Schools can also challenge children who are far ahead in a subject, but that is different from ranking the whole grade into visible sections. A child should know, "I need help in this topic," not "I am a weak student."

Global experience and India's NEP 2020 point in the same direction: support should be flexible, not a permanent label.

Parents must question this approach. Many may accept it because they believe the school is being serious about academics. But seriousness must not come at the cost of a child's confidence. Parents should welcome support, but they should object to public labelling.

The goal of education is not only to produce toppers. It is to help every child move forward from where they are. A school that helps everyone move forward with confidence does something more important than celebrating top scorers.

This matters even more in the age of AI, as people grapple with what children should learn and what skills will matter in the future. Children need exposure to different peers, different ways of thinking, and different forms of strength, not a narrow path based only on marks. A child who is not a top scorer today may have strengths in communication, creativity, design, problem-solving, empathy, leadership, or entrepreneurship. A narrow view of "strong" and "weak" groups may limit how children see themselves and their future.

Schools face real challenges. Classes are large, learning levels vary, board exam pressure is real, and teachers need practical systems. But a system that protects dignity and gives confidence is also practical. Schools should assess children, support children, and challenge children. But they should not sort children in a way that makes them feel lesser.

A child's marks can change. A child's confidence, once broken, is much harder to rebuild.

(The writer is secretary of the India Literacy Project, a non-profit organisation working in the area of education)

OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: JUNE 1976

63 Chambal dacoits surrender

Bateshwar (U.P.), June 2
Sixty three 'Baagi Bhaish' (rebels brothers) today laid down arms and surrendered to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister N. D. Tewari in this sleepy little temple-town on the banks of River Jamuna. The surrender, arranged by Sarvodaya worker S. N. Subba Rao, promises relative peace in the ravines of U.P. and Rajasthan in the region between the Chambal and Jamuna rivers. Rebels, formerly called dacoits, who have struck terror in the region like Lal Singh, Janak Singh and Kamta Singh have pledged to return to society.

25 YEARS AGO: JUNE 2001

Nepal King, Queen gunned down by heir

Kathmandu, June 2 (PTI)
In a stunning palace massacre, Nepal's King Birendra and Queen Aishwarya were gunned down reportedly by their eldest son Dipendra, who was named today as the new monarch, even as he battled for life after he shot himself following a family quarrel over his marriage plans. Virtually wiping out the royal family, the Crown Prince, in a fit of rage over opposition of his mother to his plans to get married, also mowed down six other relatives including two of his siblings at the dining table in the palace before he fired a shot through his temple.

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Success is more than a matter of inheritance

In the sublime world of music, we have seen too many child prodigies, mostly drawn from illustrious music families. They have been exposed to the various subtleties of music, like melody, rhythm, tempo, and timbre, right from childhood around home, and perhaps even when they were in their mother's womb, as many believe. Is it in their genes too, biologically handed down from parents and grandparents as lineage goes back? But it is equally surprising to find many prodigies never make it to the top in their own lifetime. Perhaps the environment and their own mixed adult priorities make them miss their gene goals.

It is equally baffling to find many a music stalwart without the benefit of conspicuous gene lineage in that direction for many generations. Did they have parental/teachers' encouragement to reach such exalted levels in music? So what matters? Is it heredity or the bringing up?

Extensive work seems to have been done in this field of biological development and debate on nature vs. nurture. *The Gene* by Siddhartha Mukherjee and *Nature Vs Nurture: The Eternal Debate* by Tim Blythe give a lot of insight in this direction. Racial superiority and extermination of millions on that basis during the Holocaust are living proof that a vast number of people believed and still believe some are better than the others because of heredity.

The truth lies somewhere in between. Physiological characteristics like height, skin colour, and bodily and dynamic features are hereditary. Some of the negative aspects, like proneness to certain diseases like Alzheimer's, may be passed on by the genes. It is interesting to note that this aspect made Siddhartha Mukherjee go deep into the realms of gene study.

However, on the positive side, nurture and environment seem to have a salutary effect on the development of many behavioural, psychological and skill-level aspects. While genes may give the springboard to skills in music, maths, science and arts, childhood support and guidance in the right direction make a lot of difference. A study of 'Hundred Years of Nobel Laureates' brought out by *Encyclopaedia Britannica* brings out the point that very few of these men and women had the springboard benefit of hereditary and gene lineage, but most of them had climbed up by inspiration and hard work. Importantly, all of them had deep passion in what they pursued. There is hope for all.

A tree is uprooted on Punjalakatte-Charmadi Road following heavy rains in several parts of Belthangady taluk in Dakshina Kannada district on Tuesday. DH PHOTO

Showers lash Ballari, Belthangady

BALLARI, DHNS: Heavy rains coupled with strong winds uprooted several trees and electricity poles disrupting power supply in Ballari on Tuesday evening.

The showers flooded roads causing inconvenience to motorists.

A huge tree on the premises of the new office of the deputy commissioner uprooted damaging autos and two-wheelers parked nearby. Fire and Emergency Services personnel rushed to the spot and removed the fallen tree and branches.

Several parts of Belthangady taluk in Dakshina Kannada district received heavy rains.

There were reports of rains in Mudigere, Kottigehara and Balehonnur of Chikkamagaluru district.

Online poll for reprinting out-of-stock Kannada classics

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BENGALURU, DHNS

In a move to preserve literary heritage through public participation, the Department of Kannada and Culture has launched an online public opinion poll.

The initiative aims to gather feedback from literary enthusiasts to decide which out-of-print and rare Kannada books should be selected for official reprinting.

The department currently faces a shortage of physical copies of nearly 200 historically significant publications that have gone out of stock. Due to budgetary allocations for the current financial year, the department can accommodate a maximum of 15 to 20 reprints.

To ensure that the most demanded and impactful literature reaches the public, a digital voting system has been integrated into the department's official website.

The department has curated an initial list of 100 classic books for the first round of the public poll. Based on the highest number of votes received from citizens, the top 20 titles will be fast-tracked for publication and distribution.

How citizens can vote

Access the official department website at kannadasiri.karnataka.gov.in. Navigate to the digital poll section to view the listed 100 out-of-stock titles. Click on the preferred book choices and submit the form to register the vote.

TMC heading for a split similar to ones in Maha?

TMC, From Page 1

TMC had expelled Ritabrata and Sandipan on Monday after Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari revealed that the duo had alleged that their signatures had been forged on a resolution Abhishek Banerjee had submitted to the Speaker in support of the claim that Sovandev Chattopadhyay had been elected as the leader of the TMC legislative party and hence should be recognised as the Leader of the Opposition.

"If the Speaker had any doubts, he should have asked for forensic tests of the signatures to check their authenticity," Mamata said on Tuesday, adding, "The BJP is playing a dirty game."

"I may have been expelled from the TMC, but Mamata Banerjee remains my leader," Ritabrata told journalists on Tuesday. He, however, added that the TMC had ceased to be Mamata Banerjee's party and had been hijacked by the political consultancy firm, I-PAC.

Tapas Roy, a minister in the BJP government, wrote on a social media platform earlier in the day that the TMC had suffered a devastating split. He wrote that Ritabrata would meet the Speaker with "almost 50 legislators" of the TMC.

Roy later told journalists that his social media accounts were handled by others, not him.

Mamata on Tuesday paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and B R Ambedkar before reaching the protest site. The former chief minister reiterated her allegation that the BJP had won the elections by manipulation with the help of the Election Commission.

She hit out at the BJP for its alleged roles in the attacks on TMC supporters and leaders. "Modi (Prime Minister Narendra Modi) has left West Bengal in the hands of anti-social elements and politicians who brought in the bulldozer culture. A darkness has descended on the state," she said.

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IFT No.: 272/2026-27 **Dated: 29.05.2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The tender for the work of **"Construction of 10LL capacity RCC shaft type OHT on 15mtr staging in CMC, Nanjangud office premises under DC works of 15th finance grant for the year 2022-23 CMC, Nanjangud (Lumpsum Tender No variation)"** amounting **to Rs. 176.06 Lakhs (Excluding GST)** has been invited vide Karnataka Public Procurement Portal indent No: **KUWSDB/2026-27/WS/WORK INDENT514.**
Further details may be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

DIPR/MYS/258/SA/2026-27 Sd/- **Chief Engineer**

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No: KSFC/HO/Admn/Coffee/560/call-5/2026-27 Date:02.06.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KSFC Invites e-tenders from the experienced persons/agencies through e-procurement of Government of Karnataka for supply of Coffee/Tea to the employees in Head Office for a period of Two years. Calendar of events **(1)** Last date of submission of e-tender **16.06.2026 at 4.00 PM (2)** Date and time of opening of Technical Bid **17.06.2026 @4.30PM.** Interested parties may submit their offer along with details as per tender document. Tender details can be downloaded & filled bids be submitted through karnataka pulbic procurement portal EMD and Tender processing fee shall be paid electronically as per the norms of e-procurement agency. If any modification/changes to the Tender, the same will be published through KPP portal only. For further details if any, please contact Dy.Manager (Admn) 080-22263322/9738615396.

Sd/-
Asst. Gen.Manager (P&A)

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No:KSTDC/BIAL/OTH/01/2026-27/432 Date: 02.06.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Bengaluru invites tender from interested bidders for **Selection of agency for Design, Development, Deployment, Operation and Maintenance of Yellow Board Taxi / Vehicle Management System (VMS) at Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (KIAB)** Tender details are as follows.

Tender No	Description	Last Date & Time for Bid Submission
KSTDC/ 2026-27/ SE0025/ Call-2	Selection of agency for Design, Development, Deployment, Operation and Maintenance of Yellow Board Taxi / Vehicle Management System (VMS) at Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (KIAB)	**06.06.2026 at 17.00 hrs**

The detailed tender documents are available in the website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For any further clarifications contact 9240214000/01, Email support:**support@eprochelpdesk.com**

Sd/- General Manager (Admin), KSTDC

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga
No.: ACF/Tender-CAMPA/CR-3/2025-26/1 Date: 30.05.2026

Short-Term e-Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

For the year 2026-27, under the account head CAMPA, short-term Call-3 e-tenders are invited through the e-Procurement Portal from interested forest contractors for the execution of the "Advance" Civil works mentioned in the Annexure in the forest areas falling within the jurisdiction of various forest zones of Shivamogga Regional Forest Division. The contractors should be registered as Forest Contractors in the Forest Department for the year 2026-27 under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 2000, and should have experience in growing and maintaining saplings of various sizes in the Forest Department, carrying out preliminary plantation works, and executing similar tendered works. They should also possess the necessary facilities to raise and maintain saplings in the plantation area within the jurisdiction of the zone where the work is to be carried out. For further information, this office may be contacted during office hours. Details regarding the tender are also available on the official website: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

1. Last date for submission of e-tenders: 09.06.2026 up to 4.00 PM **2.** Date of opening of tenders: 10.06.2026 at 4.30 PM

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga
DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/02/06/302

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(ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **e-portal** ನಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)

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ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ: **Construction of a Retaining Wall at landslide area of Palimar Kote road in the Palimaru Grama Panchayat area of kaup Taluk. (Reserved For CAT-IIA)** 2ನೇ ಕರೆ, ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: 70.00 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.70000.00, ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ: ಕ್ಲಾಸ್-3 ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು, (**CAT-IIA** ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಮಾತ್ರ)

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ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, SOCIAL FORESTRY DIVISION RAICHUR
No:ACF/SFDR/KPPP.Proc.Tender/CR- /2026-27 Date: 30-05-2026

e-Tender Notification
(ಮೂರನೇಯ ಬಾರಿಗೆ)

This is to inform to the the public that, for the Financial Year 2026-27. Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Raichur has invited Tender for Forest Works through e-Procurement (Website Link http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) two cover system under Social Forestry and RKVY Schemes. During 2026-27 Registered Forest Contractors are eligible for Tender Works. Tender From 31-05-2026 to 10-06-2026 & 11-06-2026 Technical Bids and 12-06-2026 Financial Bid Opening.

For More Details available on the notice board. O/o Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Raichur.

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Social Forestry Division, Raichur
DIP/RCR/94/KSMC&A/96/2026-27

Government of Karnataka
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION KALABURAGI
No : EE/PRED/KLB/KKRDB /TS/2026-27/733 Date : 01/06/2026

:: TENDER NOTIFICATION – 2ND CALL ::
(Through E-procurement Two Cover System)

1) Name of work: CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE CLASS ROOM AND OTHER WORKS TO GOVT. HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL AT SANNATI VILLAGE IN CHITTAPUR TALUKA (for CAT-II (A) Bidders only) **RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT24745/CALL-2,** 2) Head of account: KKRDB for the year 2025-26 & 2026-27, 3) Amount put to tender: **Rs. 68,46,368.95,** 4) Class of Contractor: Class- III and Above, 5) Issue of Blank Tender Documents: **01-06-2026 to 11-06-2026 upto 4.00 pm,** 6) Tender Form Fee: As per KPPP Norms, 7) E.M.D. Fee: Rs. 68,500.00, 8) Receipt of completed tender documents: **01-06-2026 to 11-06-2026 upto 4.00 pm,** 9) Technical Bid Opening Date: **12-06-2026 After 4.00 pm,** 10) Financial Bid opening Date: **15-06-2026 After 11.00 am,** 11) For more details contact: Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division Opp: Karnataka Grameen Bank (PKGB) Head office, Kusnoor Road, Rajapur, Kalaburagi, 12) Website Address: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/Kalaburagi/180/KSMC&A/2026-27 **Panchayat Raj Engineering Division Kalaburagi**

SRI JAYADEVA INSTITUTE OF CARDIOVASCULAR SCIENCES & RESEARCH
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No.: SJICR/TS/16/2026-27 **Date: 02.06.2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru invites tender for the following services in two bid system from eligible tenderers through KPP portal of Government of Karnataka:

Sl. No.	Tender Notification/ Indent No.	Name of the Service
1	SJICR/2026-27/SE0044 dt. 02-06-2026	Operation and maintenance of : a. DG set of capacity 2 x 750 KVA with Synchronization panel, Allied equipment. b. 11 KV HT Breaker panel with compact RMU. c. Electrical substation with 2 x 1000 KVA transformer 11 KVA / 433 volts MV panel and cables. d. Internal electrification and periodical services of Electrical installations at SJICR, Mysuru.
2	SJICR/2026-27/SE0045 dt. 02-06-2026	Operation and maintenance of 250 KLD STP & 50 KLD ETP plant at SJICR, KRS Road, Mysuru.
3	SJICR/2026-27/SE0046 dt. 02-06-2026	Supply of medical gases (oxygen)- IP to SJICR, KRS Road, Mysuru.
4	SJICR/2026-27/SE0047 dt. 02-06-2026	Disposal of bio-medical waste from the exit point of the premises including treatments like shredding, incinerating etc to handle all types of Bio-medical waste at SJICR, Mysuru as per Bio-medical waste (Management & Handling) rule 1998.
5	SJICR/2026-27/SE0048 dt. 02-06-2026	Providing disinfestations treatment against bedbugs, cockroaches, lizards, honeybees and rodent control treatment inside the building and surrounding areas of SJICR branch, KRS Road, Mysuru.
6	SJICR/2026-27/SE0049 dt. 02-06-2026	Operation and Comprehensive maintenance contract for water pumps, fire pumps, water treatment plant, RO Plant, DM plant, Fire hydrant and alarm system & allied works installed at new SJICR, KRS Road, Mysuru.
7	SJICR/2026-27/SE0050 dt. 02-06-2026	Maintenance of landscape area including ornamental trees, foliage, flower, shrubs, ground covers, indoor and outdoor plants etc at SJICR premises, KRS road, Mysuru.
8	SJICR/2026-27/SE0051 dt. 02-06-2026	Operation and maintenance of steam boiler plant 2 x 1.5 t/hour system installed at SJICR, KRS road, Mysuru.
9	SJICR/2026-27/SE0052 dt. 02-06-2026	Operation & maintenance of medical gas equipment, pipeline for internal supply of medical gases and other allied works installed at SJICR, Mysuru.
10	SJICR/2026-27/SE0053 dt. 02-06-2026	Operation and comprehensive maintenance contract of centralized HVAC system installed at SJICR, KRS Road, Mysuru
11	SJICR/2026-27/SE0054 dt. 02-06-2026	Annual maintenance contract of IT & Networking and CCTV Surveillance & Access control installed at SJICR branch, Mysuru.
12	SJICR/2026-27/SE0055 dt. 02-06-2026	Comprehensive annual maintenance contract for solar clocks - 4 Nos. installed at tower clock area of SJICR, Mysuru.

1. The tenderers can download the documents from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **06-06-2026** and the last date for submission of completed tenders through e-portal is **06-07-2026 up to 4-00 PM.**
2. Date of Pre-bid meeting: **20-06-2026 at 11-00 AM.**
3. Date of Technical Bid opening: **07-07-2026 at 4-00 PM.**
4. EMD: as mentioned in the tender document
5. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept / reject / cancel the tender partially or fully without assigning any reason at any stage of processing.

Sd/-,
DIPR/CP/LC/946/2026-27 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER I/c**

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML, 1st Floor, GBA Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthanagar, Bengaluru-560 052.
No. DGM-3/BSWML/PR/129/2026-27 Date: 02.06.2026

Expression of Interest

Expression of Interest for "Procurement of EPR certificates from Greater Bengaluru Authority by Producers, Importers & Brand Owners (PIBOs) as per the Guidelines of Centralized EPR Portal for Plastic Packaging issued by Central Pollution Control Board" Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited intends to trade the EPR Certificates with Greater Bengaluru Authority (Currently 8600 Category-III End of Life Certificates available in wallet) with PIBOs who are:
(1) Having State Pollution Control Board Consent for Operations (validity should not be expired or about to expire within 60 days).
(2) Registered in Centralized EPR Portal for Plastic Packaging developed by CPCB.
Interested PIBOs may send their expressions of interest by quoting the value (in INR) in the prescribed format in sealed covers along with the necessary mandatory documents to the office of **The Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML,** Reg. Office: 30/1, 1st and 2nd Floor, Thimmaiah Road, Millers Tank Bund Area, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560051, **within 16:00 hours (04:00 PM) on 15.06.2026.**
The interested applicants may reach the above-mentioned office during working hours or visit BSWML website **www.bswml.karnataka.gov.in** to obtain the prescribed format, annexures, detailed terms and conditions and any other necessary details.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/AAA/951/2026-27 **Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML**

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ (ಉತ್ತರ) ಕಚೇರಿ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/61/12/2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01-06-2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ / ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸನ್ 2023-24 ಹಾಗೂ 2026-27 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ವಾರು ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ (SC) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 57965, ರೂ. 26.44 ಲಕ್ಷ 2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58018, ರೂ. 9.80 ಲಕ್ಷ
3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58580, ರೂ. 45.70 ಲಕ್ಷ 4) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 59231, ರೂ. 7.34 ಲಕ್ಷ
5) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58954, ರೂ. 10.90 ಲಕ್ಷ

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡದ (ST) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

6) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 57857, ರೂ. 4.00 ಲಕ್ಷ 7) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 57904, ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
8) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58863, ರೂ. 29.00 ಲಕ್ಷ

(CAT-1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

9) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 57858, ರೂ. 14.01 ಲಕ್ಷ 10) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58866, ರೂ. 7.15 ಲಕ್ಷ

(CAT-2A) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

11) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58013, ರೂ. 3.84 ಲಕ್ಷ 12) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58022, ರೂ. 5.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
13) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58524, ರೂ. 8.70 ಲಕ್ಷ 14) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58523, ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
15) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58522, ರೂ. 21.50 ಲಕ್ಷ

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

16) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58407, ರೂ. 15.90 ಲಕ್ಷ 17) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58405, ರೂ. 10.10 ಲಕ್ಷ
18) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58012, ರೂ. 22.40 ಲಕ್ಷ 19) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58014, ರೂ. 2.46 ಲಕ್ಷ
20) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58017, ರೂ. 9.41 ಲಕ್ಷ 21) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58015, ರೂ. 1.70 ಲಕ್ಷ
22) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58016, ರೂ. 1.90 ಲಕ್ಷ 23) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58020, ರೂ. 7.13 ಲಕ್ಷ
24) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58525, ರೂ. 8.50 ಲಕ್ಷ 25) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58861, ರೂ. 15.77 ಲಕ್ಷ
26) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58862, ರೂ. 42.55 ಲಕ್ಷ 27) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58865, ರೂ. 26.65 ಲಕ್ಷ
28) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58686, ರೂ. 7.65 ಲಕ್ಷ 29) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58816, ರೂ. 9.78 ಲಕ್ಷ
30) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58907, ರೂ. 21.44 ಲಕ್ಷ 31) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 59230, ರೂ. 8.65 ಲಕ್ಷ
32) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 58579, ರೂ. 55.69 ಲಕ್ಷ 33) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - SE7666, ರೂ. 47.10 ಲಕ್ಷ

ಮರು ಕರೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ (SC) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

34) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 55293, ರೂ. 10.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) 35) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 57004, ರೂ. 8.06 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)
36) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 57772, ರೂ. 17.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)

(CAT-2A) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

37) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 57003, ರೂ. 22.95 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

38) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 55933 ರೂ. 11.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) 39) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 55557 ರೂ. 28.00 ಲಕ್ಷ(2ನೇ ಕರೆ)
40) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 56095 ರೂ. 4.85 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ) 41) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 56539 ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷ(3ನೇ ಕರೆ)
42) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 52872 ರೂ. 15.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (5ನೇ ಕರೆ) 43) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 53963 ರೂ. 6.90 ಲಕ್ಷ (5ನೇ ಕರೆ)
44) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 40530 ರೂ. 21.50 ಲಕ್ಷ (5ನೇ ಕರೆ) 45) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 56993 ರೂ. 3.36 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)
46) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 54176 ರೂ. 10.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (5ನೇ ಕರೆ) 47) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 55521 ರೂ. 2.96 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)
48) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 55548 ರೂ. 4.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (4ನೇ ಕರೆ) 49) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 44547 ರೂ. 11.00 ಲಕ್ಷ(6ನೇ ಕರೆ)
50) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 46141 ರೂ. 5.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (9ನೇ ಕರೆ) 51) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 37838 ರೂ. 4.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (9ನೇ ಕರೆ)
52) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 44536 ರೂ. 6.45 ಲಕ್ಷ (9ನೇ ಕರೆ) 53) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 46020 ರೂ. 18.00 ಲಕ್ಷ(9ನೇ ಕರೆ)
54) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 45514 ರೂ. 8.20 ಲಕ್ಷ (9ನೇ ಕರೆ) 55) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 44209 ರೂ. 3.75 ಲಕ್ಷ (9ನೇ ಕರೆ)

ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅವಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ **ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)** ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಚೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **0836-2213834** ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **04-06-2026** ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

- ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 05, 08, 10, 25 ರಿಂದ 29, 33, 47 ರಿಂದ 55 ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11-06-2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
- ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 05, 08, 10, 25 ರಿಂದ 29, 33, 47 ರಿಂದ 55 ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12-06-2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.
- ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 01 ರಿಂದ 04, 06, 07, 09, 11 ರಿಂದ 24, 30 ರಿಂದ 32, 34 ರಿಂದ 46 ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19-06-2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
- ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 01 ರಿಂದ 04, 06, 07, 09, 11 ರಿಂದ 24, 30 ರಿಂದ 32, 34 ರಿಂದ 46 ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20-06-2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.
- ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 32 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24-06-2026 ರಂದು ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಂತರದ ಅನುಕೂಲಕರ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/-
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)
ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/253/ಅಡ್ವರ್ಟೋರ್/2026-27 ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ.

TELLTALE SIGN: Officials' removal & probe panel show irregularities took place, says Ramesh

'Transfers cover-up': Rahul wants Pradhan out

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

As the government transferred the CBSE chairman and secretary over the CBSE OSM row, Congress on Tuesday stepped up its demand for sacking the education minister, with top leader Rahul Gandhi saying that the "real culprit" Dharmendra Pradhan should have been removed long ago if Prime Minister Narendra Modi cared about 18.5 lakh students.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha said the action against the CBSE chairman and the secretary, as well as the setting up of an probe committee, was not accountability but a "cover-up", as Pradhan remains "safe".

"CBSE Chairman - Transferred. CBSE Secretary - Transferred. A one-member "inquiry" committee - Formed. And the real culprit, Dharmendra Pradhan - Safe. Officials removed. (The) Minister spared. This isn't accountability—it's a cover-up," he posted on X.

He said the demand "remains the same today: Dismiss the Education Minister and conduct an independent judicial inquiry—these aren't some one-month-old internal files of the Modi government to be brushed aside just like that. If the Prime Minister cared about the 18.5 lakh CBSE students — Dharmendra Pradhan would have been removed long ago."

General Secretary (Communications) Jairam Ramesh said the "Mantri Pradhan" has been presiding over a "monumentally" corrupt, inept, and incompetent ecosystem" that has played havoc with the lives of lakhs of youth, and he needs to resign immediately.

"The CBSE Chairman and Secretary have been transferred. Justice requires that the Mantri Pradhan be sacked. The CBSE leadership's unceremonious exit and the constitution of the one-member committee to investigate the procurement of the CBSE's On Screen Marking system prove that irregularities were committed," he posted on 'X'.

"This is a testament to the ingenuity and skill of Gen Z students — who exposed this scandal online and even presented it to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education under the chairmanship of Digvijaya Singh today," he said.

Ramesh said the action, timed for after the Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting with the CBSE board, is an attempt to "distract and fix accountability on bureaucrats rather than the political leadership".

MALLIKARJUN KHARGE
Congress president

"The transfer of CBSE Chairman and Secretary is a mere eyewash. Modi ji should immediately sack Dharmendra Pradhan. Nothing less than that would provide a sense of justice to 18.5 lakh CBSE students.

ARVIND KEJRIWAL
AAP national convenor

"By transferring the CBSE chairman and secretary, the Modi government has rubbed salt on the wounds of lakhs of children and their parents

Indian Youth Congress workers hold placards of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan during a protest against National Testing Agency over the exam paper leak and subsequent rescheduling of NEET-UG in Mumbai on Tuesday. AFP

Teen who exposed anomalies appears before Parl panel

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Sarthak Sidhant, the affected student who exposed anomalies in CBSE's tendering process, deposed before the Parliamentary Committee for Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports on Tuesday.

Parliamentary Panel chairperson Digvijaya Singh said the committee would take a look at the concerns of children affected by the mishandling of the Class 12 examination evaluation.

The panel had summoned CBSE and Education Ministry officials to discuss the On-screen Marking system and the ministry's new three-language policy.

"He (Sarthak Sidhant) has made his presentation. It is for the committee to decide (on CBSE's replies). The committee is concerned and will do whatever that can be done in the interest of the students," Digvijaya said.

Sources said top CBSE officials did not reply to queries on why the contract was awarded to a firm without background checks and why the norms were changed arbitrarily. They said they would made a written submission on the issues raised.

The CBSE separately handed over a report to the panel members, presenting their side on the problems faced by students, and assured the MPs that the glitches that appeared on its portal have since been rectified and students now have time till June 6 to apply for re-evaluation of their answersheets.

The Education Ministry also submitted a one-page response on the system row.

On whether he was satisfied with CBSE's replies, Digvijaya said, "That is for the committee to decide."

The Parliamentary Panel will submit a report soon.

He did not respond to the three-language formula issue either, saying, "I believe the matter is sub-judice."

(With PTI inputs)

CBSE recheck portal opens after four-day delay

AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

SITE TROUBLE

- The portal was expected to become operational on May 29
- Board claims that the site was hit by a barrage of cyberattacks
- Says despite issues, June 6 is last date for applications and that they can only be done online
- Aadhaar mandatory to log in to portal

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) opened the portal for verification of marks and re-evaluation for Class 12 students in the early hours of Tuesday. The facility was originally expected to become operational on May 29.

The board claimed that the site was hit by a barrage of cyber attacks after it was launched. Despite several issues, the CBSE said that June 6 is the last date for applications and that they can only be done online.

"The CBSE revaluation portal is currently supporting over 8,000 concurrent users. As of 3:00 pm today, more than 16,000 students have successfully completed their submissions. While thousands of students accessed the CBSE re-evaluation portal today, malicious actors attempted to disrupt services through a barrage of cyberattacks," the CBSE said.

The site went live at 4 am on Tuesday. The CBSE said that the site was facing cybersecurity attacks. "Most recent being a denial of service attack attempt causing 1.5 million hits on the portal within a matter of two minutes and more than 1 lakh attempts of unauthorised file access," the CBSE said, adding that after student feedback, it has further "refined" the platform, including extending session time limits.

The CBSE said that to log in, Aadhaar details must be submitted. "Please note that Aadhaar Verification has been included for security reasons. For children who do not have Aadhaar, the parents', relatives', or guardians' Aadhaar details may be used. In this case, the Aadhaar name, date of birth and gender must be of the person whose Aadhaar number is used," the Board said.

Some students said that they had not received their scanned pages yet, while some others said they could not log in. The site will be operational till Saturday midnight. "No offline application and request submitted after the scheduled date and time shall be accepted," it stated.

The CBSE specified that only those who have applied and received the scanned copies of their answer sheets will be able to apply for verification or re-evaluation. Till May 26, as many as 4.04 lakh students had applied for scanned copies, which amounted to 11.31 lakh answer sheets. Of this, it had provided for 8.98 lakh sheets.

Wangchuk to join CJP's June 6 protest in Delhi

ZULFIKAR MAJID
SRINAGAR, DHNS

Climate activist from Ladakh Sonam Wangchuk has said he will join a planned protest in Delhi on June 6 organised by the online movement "Cockroach Janta Party" (CJP), while sharply criticising India's education system and calling for accountability from the Union Education Ministry.

Sonam Wangchuk

In a video shared on X, Wangchuk said he had initially sought clarity about the movement's intent.

"I had asked the cockroaches, in my previous post, to prove, to convince (me) that this Cockroach Janta Party is an expression of the Indian youth and not a conspiracy by foreign powers," he said.

Wangchuk added that he was later contacted by CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke, who shared information about the group's support base. "When I spoke to him, I understood that they do not have any ulterior motive, that they are immensely patriotic, that they are making a qurbani, a sacrifice, to improve the country," he said.

The activist said the planned mobilisation in Delhi is aimed at demanding the resignation of the education minister, linking it to grievances over examination systems and student distress.

ED searches against Vedanta Group in FEMA case

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has initiated a foreign exchange "violation" investigation against billionaire Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Group and conducted searches at its official premises, officials said on Tuesday.

The raids were launched against the global mining conglomerate on Monday, and four premises of Vedanta Ltd, including those located in Delhi, Mumbai and Udaipur in Rajasthan, were surveyed, officials said. The probe is being conducted under the civil provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

An instance of Vedanta Resources, the London-based parent of Indian company Vedanta Ltd, refunding a part of the brand fee to the latter in 2023 is under the scanner of the agency, the officials said. The ongoing probe is also looking at some other structures of the group, they said.

Stir in Manipur amid hostage crisis

SUMIR KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI, DHNS

The shutdown enforced by Naga organisations over the Manipur government's alleged failure to secure the release of six Nagas abducted on May 13 disrupted normal life across Noney district on Tuesday.

Markets and schools remained closed, while vehicular movement was barred, affecting communication along NH-37 between Imphal and Jiribam that passes through Noney, a Naga-dominated district. Protests were also reported from other Naga-inhabited areas.

The shutdown was called by the Joint Tribes Council, a forum of several Naga organisations, which criticised the Manipur government's alleged failure to secure the release of the abducted Nagas. It also demanded that 14 Kukis, who were similarly held hostage by Naga groups on May 13, be kept in detention until the six Nagas are freed.

The shutdown was enforced on Monday, when the United Naga Council (UNC), Manipur, was preparing to release the 14 Kukis following intervention by church leaders and the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, the UNC cancelled the decision after a section of Nagas objected, insisting that the six Nagas be released first.

At least 14 Kukis and six Nagas were taken hostage on May 13, soon after three church leaders from the Thadou community were shot dead in Kuki-dominated Kangpokpi district. The Thadous are ethnically closer to the Kukis, and organisations representing the Kuki-Zo communities alleged Naga involvement in the killings.

Both Naga- and Kuki-dominated areas have witnessed tension since the hostage standoff began on May 13. Kuki-dominated districts also enforced shutdowns for several days.

The state government has repeatedly appealed to organisations of both communities to release the victims on humanitarian grounds.

Monsoon likely to reach Kerala on June 4 after nine-day delay: IMD

El Niño may be behind the late onset, say experts

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The India Meteorological Department on Tuesday said the southwest monsoon may hit the Kerala coast around June 4, nearly nine days after the agency's initial onset date. The possible reason behind the delay, according to the experts, is the El Niño.

"The southwest monsoon is likely to set in over Kerala around June 4. Isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall (7-20 cm) is very likely to occur over Kerala and isolated heavy rainfall over Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in the next 6-7 days," the IMD said in a statement here.

The agency announced last month that the monsoon may reach Kerala by May 26, five days earlier than its scheduled date of June 1. This didn't happen. "Monsoon flow needs a 4.5 km depth in westerly winds, which has been lacking. The situation has started improving today, because of which we made the June 4 forecast," Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, director general of meteorology, told *DH*.

A man tries to cool himself under running tap water amid scorching summer heat in Prayagraj on Tuesday. PTI

Equatorial westerly winds act as the structural engine of the southwest monsoon, providing both the wind flow that enters the Indian subcontinent and the necessary atmospheric conditions to trigger it.

Weather scientists say the delayed arrival is due to the El Niño that, even in its formative period, can influence the monsoon.

"Late onset and delayed progress of the monsoon can happen in an El Niño year. The relationship between El Niño and the southwest monsoon is not a master-slave relation. Rather, it is an interactive process and can influence the monsoon even at the beginning," veteran scientist M Rajeevan, former secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, told *DH*.

Although some uncertainty remains about El Niño peak strength and timing, most forecast models suggest it will be at least moderate – and possibly strong.

The delayed arrival of the monsoon has added to people's apprehension over a "below normal" southwest monsoon, with IMD further downgrading its April forecast to claim that the country would be looking at its worst monsoon scenario in a decade, with 90% of average rainfall expected between June and September. El Niño was the key factor behind the downgrade.

The MeT agency has also predicted that moderate to severe thunderstorm activity with squally wind speeds up to 40-50 km per hour is likely over many parts of northwest, central & eastern India and the southern peninsula this week.

Bihar CM's 'monarchy' jibe at Rabri over official bungalow

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary on Tuesday took a swipe at former CM Rabri Devi over her refusal to vacate the official residence allotted to her and said it was not a "monarchy" where one can occupy an official accommodation forever.

"A government accommodation keeps changing as per the situation. This is not someone's 'bapauti' (inheritance from father). But here we have a case where a mother needs a separate bungalow, while the son needs a separate bungalow. This is not monarchy," said Samrat.

Rabri Devi, who is Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, has been staying at 10, Circular Road in Patna in her capacity as a former CM and LoP in the Council. Her husband and former CM Lalu Prasad too stays in the same bungalow.

Their son Tejashwi Yadav, who is Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, stays at 1, Polo Road. However, recently, Rabri was allotted a separate house and was served a notice by the Building Construction Department to shift to the new address.

91 wounds: Kerala toddler's death reveals prolonged abuse

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

The investigation into the brutal torture of a toddler in Thiruvananthapuram found that head injury and internal bleeding led to the child's death.

In addition to 51 external injuries and marks across the body, the child suffered multiple internal injuries, including bleeding and fractures.

Reports said the total number of injuries, including internal ones, was 91.

One-and-a-half-year-old Arshid, son of Akhila of Nedumangad on the outskirts of Thiruvananthapuram, died on Friday. Akhila and her partner Ashkar have been arrested by police.

According to police, medical examination reports confirmed that head injury and internal trauma caused the toddler's death. Investigators found that Ashkar had banged the child's head against a wall. The nature of the injury marks indicated prolonged abuse, with some wounds being old.

Marks were found even on the boy's genitals and the soles of his feet. Some injuries were suspected to be burns caused by cigarettes or similar items. Both of the child's hands had suffered recent fractures.

Police's prima facie finding is that Ashkar wanted to get rid of the child.

Violent past

Investigators are also probing allegations that Ashkar had brutally assaulted his first wife, Amina, who is now in a coma. His role in the unnatural death of Amina's brother may also come under scrutiny.

Apart from murder, the accused will face charges under laws relating to atrocities against children as well as members of the SC/ST community.

AVIATION RELIC

Maha govt takes over Air India building in Rs 1,601-crore deal

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

Nariman Point icon

Air India building at Nariman Point was constructed in 1974

Served as the airline's headquarters for nearly four decades

Air India shifted its corporate office to New Delhi in 2013

Acquired by Maha govt for Rs 1,601 crore

To house govt departments currently operating from rented premises

The iconic Air India Building at Nariman Point, one of Mumbai's most recognisable landmarks, has formally come under the ownership of the Maharashtra government, marking the end of an era for a structure that once symbolised India's national aviation ambitions and the prominence of state-owned enterprises.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis presided over the signing of the 'Deed of Surrender' between the state Public Works Department and Air India Assets Holding Ltd on Tuesday, completing the property transfer to the state government.

The acquisition was completed for around Rs 1,601 crore.

The Centre approved the sale of the property to the Maharashtra government in March 2024, while the state Cabinet gave its final clearance in November 2025.

Standing prominently along the Arabian Sea-facing Marine Drive, popularly known as the Queen's Necklace, the 23-storeyed tower has been a defining feature of Mumbai's skyline for more than five decades. The building once housed the headquarters of Air India and represented the prestige of the country's flagship carrier during the golden age of civil aviation.

Nariman Point has over the years witnessed the relocation of several corporate headquarters to newer commercial hubs such as Bandra-Kurla Complex, Lower Parel and Powai.

The Maharashtra government plans to use the building to accommodate various departments currently functioning from rented premises across Mumbai. The tower is located just a short distance from Mantralaya, the New Administrative Building and the Vidhan Bhavan complex.

Air India vacated the building in 2013 as part of asset monetisation and shifted its corporate headquarters to New Delhi.

Drug peddlers ruining youth generation after generation: SC

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

No leniency

No leniency for drug peddlers, says SC

Police recovered 21 MDMA tablets weighing 10.15 grams from accused

MADRAS HC HAD EARLIER DISMISSED SIXTH SUCCESSIVE BAIL PLEA

The Supreme Court on Tuesday underscored the need for a stringent approach towards those involved in drug trafficking, observing that they are "destroying the lives of the country's youth generation after generation".

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sheel Nagu and V Mohana rejected the bail plea of an accused arrested in June 2022 under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

"People dealing with drugs will have to be dealt with a very firm hand," Justice Nath remarked while dismissing the petition.

The accused had approached the apex court challenging the Madras High Court's February order denying him bail. The high court had noted that it was his sixth successive bail application in the case.

According to the prosecution, on June 11, 2022, the petitioner and two others were seen standing with a bag. Upon noticing the police, they attempted to flee. A search led to the recovery of 21 MDMA (ecstasy) tablets weighing around 10.15 grams from the bag.

The third accused, who had managed to escape, was later arrested based on the confessions of the petitioner and the other co-accused.

Before the HC, the petitioner's counsel argued that the seized contraband was produced before the special court in Chennai only on July 5, 2022, and had remained in police custody without proper authorisation in the interim.

The lawyer also pointed out that despite the HC directing in November 2024 that the trial be completed within six months, proceedings were still pending, even as the co-accused had been granted bail.

The state counsel, however, maintained that the quantity of MDMA tablets recovered fell under the commercial category and that three persons were involved in the offence.

The HC had accordingly dismissed the bail plea.

The apex court's firm stance comes as a strong reiteration of the judiciary's tough position on narcotics-related offences, given their devastating impact on young lives.

Marital status no ground to deny welfare benefits to daughters: Top court

Overturns HC order against shop allotment to woman

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

GENDER EQUALITY

- SC upholds rights of married daughters
- Assumption that a married daughter ceases family ties 'constitutionally impermissible'
- Marriage does not extinguish parental bond or dependency
- SC says exclusion based on gender stereotypes, lacks rational nexus

In a significant ruling promoting gender equality, the Supreme Court on Tuesday held that a daughter's marital status cannot be used as a ground to deny her the benefits of a welfare scheme if she is otherwise eligible.

A bench of Justices PS Narasimha and Alok Aradhe observed that the assumption that a married daughter ceases to be part of her parental family or loses dependency on her parents is "constitutionally impermissible".

"Marriage neither extinguishes the bond between a daughter and her parental family nor furnishes a valid basis to presume absence of dependency," the bench said.

It noted that many married daughters continue to reside with, support, or remain dependent on their parents in contemporary social realities.

The court allowed an appeal by Kulsum Nisha from Amethi in Uttar Pradesh, who was denied compassionate allotment of a fair price shop after her mother's death, solely on the ground that she was married.

Kulsum's mother, Badrun Nisha, was allotted the fair price shop in 2013.

After Badrun Nisha's death in March 2024, Kulsum — who had assisted her mother in running the shop and was the sole earning member supporting her four sisters, one of whom is visually impaired — applied for the allotment. Her application was rejected by the authorities and the Allahabad High Court on the ground that a married daughter does not fall within the definition of 'family' under the relevant government order.

Setting aside the HC order, the court declared the exclusion of married daughters from the definition of "family" for compassionate allotment of fair price shops as unconstitutional. It said such exclusion was based on gender stereotypes and lacked any rational nexus with the objective of the scheme.

The ruling is expected to have far-reaching implications for women's access to welfare schemes across the country, reinforcing that benefits cannot be denied on the basis of regressive gender-based assumptions.

Jana Sena will contest 2029 Telangana polls: Party chief

HYDERABAD, DHNS: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party supremo Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday announced that his party will establish a firm presence in Telangana and contest the 2029 state Assembly elections.

Pawan Kalyan

The announcement came after days of high drama in which several Telangana leaders publicly questioned his Andhra origins and his right to operate politically in the state.

"Until now, I had not decided. But today, I am announcing that Jana Sena will stay here. Our party will contest elections in Telangana. We will question the injustice being meted out to people here. If need be, I will tour Telangana myself. Telangana is part of India," Pawan Kalyan told reporters.

The press conference itself was a consequence of escalating political tensions.

The Cyberabad police denied permission to Jana Sena to hold a party workers' meeting at a private convention centre in Gachibowli, and the Telangana High Court subsequently rejected the party's last-minute petition challenging the denial.

The Jana Sena party chief then chose to address the media from his residence instead.

UP govt to rename Fazil Nagar town as Pawagarh

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

One more town with an Islamic name in Uttar Pradesh is set to be rechristened by the state government.

Fazil Nagar, a small town in UP's Kushinagar district, will be renamed Pawagarh.

The announcement was made by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath while addressing an event in the district on Tuesday. "We have proposed renaming Fazil Nagar as Pawagarh," Adityanath said.

Fazil Nagar is closely associated with both Buddhism and Jainism. According to Buddhist tradition, Lord Buddha, while on his way to Kushinagar from Bihar, stayed for a night at the residence of one of his disciples in the then Chetigram, now known as Sathiaon.

He then travelled to Kushinagar, a few kilometres away, where he later attained mahaparinirvana (death).

Followers of Jainism believe that Lord Mahavira, the 24th and last Tirthankara of Jainism, delivered his final sermon at Fazil Nagar.

Since coming to power in 2017, the BJP government has renamed several places with Islamic names in the state, rechristening them after Hindu icons and deities.

A few months ago, Adityanath announced that Mustafabad in Lakhimpur Kheri district would be renamed Kabirdham. Earlier, the state government rechristened Faizabad as Ayodhya.

Seers in Ayodhya have also demanded the renaming of localities with Islamic names. They have pointed to areas near the Ram Temple with names such as Quaziana, Urdu Bazar and Kaniganj.

"Ayodhya is a town of temples and mutts and therefore the names of the localities must also be according to Sanatan traditions. Islam has no place in Lord Rama's town," prominent seer Raju Das had said.

Accused can't be denied charge-sheet documents: Supreme Court

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court has held that an accused person cannot be denied access to documents related to the charge-sheet merely because the case has been registered under the Official Secrets Act (OSA).

A bench of Justices J K Maheshwari and Atul S Chandurkar emphasised that the right to a fair trial, which forms an integral part of the fundamental right to life and personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution, must be balanced with national security concerns through appropriate arrangements rather than outright denial of documents.

The court observed that when a case is instituted on a police report, the magistrate is required to furnish the accused, free of cost, copies of the police report, FIR, statements of witnesses and other relevant documents forwarded with the charge-sheet.

Voluminous documents

The only exception is for voluminous documents, where the accused may be permitted to inspect them in court.

"An accused cannot be denied access to documents forming part of the charge-sheet... because withholding such documents could seriously prejudice the accused's right to a fair trial," the bench held.

The recent judgment came on a plea by V K Singh, a retired Major General of the Indian Army who had also served as Joint Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat (R&AW) between 2000 and 2004.

Singh was booked under the Official Secrets Act for his 2007 book titled *India's External Intelligence – Secrets of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)*.

The prosecution alleged that the book revealed classified information, including names of officials, station codes, technical projects and signals intelligence, thereby, endangering national security.

The publisher, Vivek Garg, was also named as an accused.

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

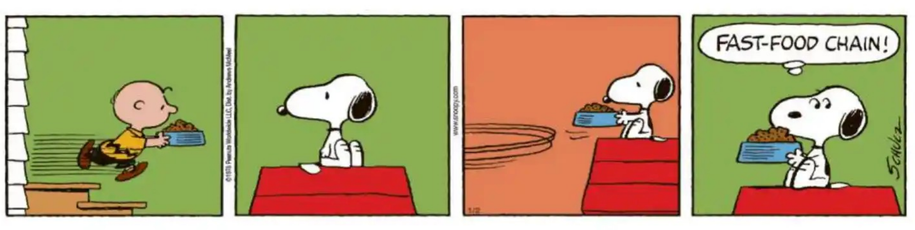
Blondie

I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE SOME COMPANY WATCHING THE OLYMPICS
THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU
I'M NOT GONNA LET MY BEST BUDDY WATCH THE GAMES BY HIMSELF
ESPECIALLY WITH ALL THIS DELICIOUS FOOD AROUND!
AND THAT, TOO

Hagar The Horrible

Beetle Bailey

Peanuts



Marvin

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Today's Guest JUMBLER is RINA PICCOLO co-cartoonist on RHYMES WITH ORANGE
Lingerie
UNTIL YOU LEARN THE ROPES, LET'S START WITH THE SMALL STUFF.
11-21
ON THE NEW CLERK'S FIRST DAY AT THE LINGERIE SHOP, THE MANAGER HAD HER USE A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: NIFTY PRICE MARKET CASINO
Answer: Because Angus is a baby, his favorite superhero is — MR. "INFANTASTIC"

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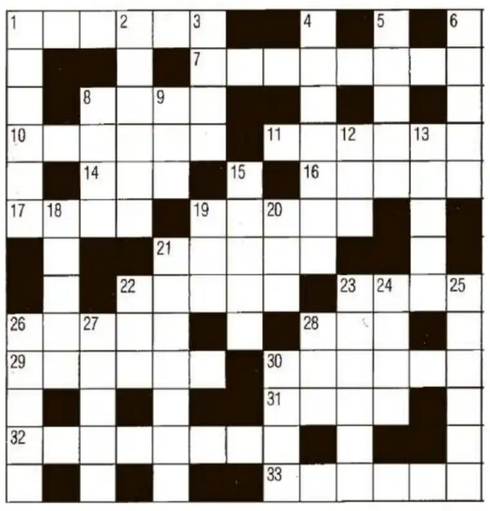

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 Where there's visible direction to the hotel (6)
7 It comes down to use in a letter from a secluded retreat (8)
8 A stiffener? You can get one at the Boar's Head (4)
10 Maintain that gripping pose! (4,2)
11 Dad's wrong to take one to court! (6)
14 Something fishy in the election (3)
16 Decides where to draw the line? (5)
17 Trots, imaginably (4)
19 Managed to catch a fellow (5)
21 Strengthened in a polished way? (5)
22 One gets in the bath, perhaps, as a regular thing (5)
23 It's tall, like some Christmas trees (4)
26 Shoulder no responsibility? (5)
28 Hopalong Cassidy's sidekick (3)
29 Makes up for having no seat, maybe (6)
30 Girl out of breath? (6)
31 That German's back again (4)
32 Comes out right, nowadays, for one's associates (8)
33 When Dan and Sal get together, there's something afoot (6)

DOWN
1 Where to come when you make a hit with the girl (6)
2 Greek island hordes overturned (6)
3 Put an edge on things at Southend in the rain (4)
4 Matching a nice colour (7)
5 A growing boy (5)
6 Achievements such as arranging a feast (5)
8 Suffered in troubled times (4)
9 There's nothing in turning fifty (3)
12 It's no good backing a loser! (3)
13 Little money for fresh scent (5)
15 To figures in ancient Rome, possibly lethal (5)
18 Too young, really, to be a fat lady (5)
19 Transport bureau? (3)
20 Not all ripe tomatoes are ìsweetî (3)
21 Carry on a conflict over pay? (4,3)
22 Historic barbarian ñ a hard-headed French one (3)
23 Sand-boy? (6)
24 A voice of regal tone (4)
25 Go, vacillating varlet! (6)
26 Cheeky, say, about a bit of luck (5)
27 Like hotel accommodation? (5)
28 Point out one key as favourite (3)
30 Might the manager be thus eyed? (4)

EASY

ACROSS
1 Fold or wrinkle (6)
7 Food of the gods (8)
8 Rends (4)
10 Small cupboard (6)
11 Picture house (6)
14 Boy's name (3)
16 Carries (5)
17 Girl (4)
19 Bet (5)
21 Form a layer over (5)
22 Wooden peg (5)
23 Merge (4)
26 Theme (5)
28 Number (3)
29 American state (6)
30 Silvery-white element (6)
31 Owl's cry (4)
32 Make empty (8)
33 Deathly (6)

DOWN
1 Call off (6)
2 Comes about (6)
3 Compass point (4)
4 Referee (7)
5 So far (2,3)
6 Spanish snacks (5)
8 Steals from (4)
9 Female swan (3)
12 And not (3)
13 Has in mind (5)
15 Auctioneer's hammer (5)
18 Detest, despise (5)
19 Impress greatly (3)
20 Congeal (3)
21 Fairground prize (7)
22 Use a spade (3)
23 Hat type (6)
24 Single entity (4)
25 Bad blood (6)
26 Turret (5)
27 Of the foot (5)
28 Overly (3)
30 Cast off (4)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12429

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, Space 6, Drill 9, In store 10, Fo-u-nd 11, Essay 12, Blast 13, General 15, Pip 17, Omar 18, Re-Gina 19, D-'em-on 20, Sacked 22, Fore 24, Ely 25, Seminal 26, Jacks 27, Get it 28, A-itch 29, L-e-gions 30, Bells 31, Thu-d-s.
DOWN: 2, P-ro te-m 3, Cinder 4, End 5, Stall 6, Dresden 7, Rest 8, Lead-in 12, B-ak-ed 13, Go-O-se 14, Nancy 15, Piton 16, Pan-el 18, Rose-s 19, D-EB-ates 21, Alleg-e 22, Finish 23, Ran-CID 25, Skein 26, J-ill 28, Ant.

EASY
ACROSS: 1, Decay 6, Fight 9, Fervour 10, Scorn 11, Nifty 12, Dices 13, Optical 15, Dad 17, Read 18, Saline 19, Scowl 20, Innate 22, Best 24, Tot 25, Taverna 26, Strut 27, Kites 28, Poppy 29, Modicum 30, Begin 31, Tense.
DOWN: 2, Escape 3, Afraid 4, Yen 5, Avail 6, Funeral 7, Iris 8, Hitman 12, Dance 13, Orbit 14, Taunt 15, Diver 16, Delta 18, Sweat 19, Stetson 21, Notice 22, Become 23, Snipes 25, Tulip 26, Semi 28, Put.

◆ SU-DO-KU-6922 ◆

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SOLUTION TO 6921

6	4	3	5	8	9	2	7	1
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7	8	4	2	3	5	9	1	6
5	3	9	7	6	1	4	8	2
4	6	8	3	9	2	1	5	7
3	2	1	8	5	7	6	4	9
9	7	5	6	1	4	8	2	3

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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O1	I1	Y4	S1	N1	L1	I1	Double Word Score
E1	E1	R1	G2	M3	I1	I1	
E1	E1	P3	N1	R1	D2	T1	
A1	E1	H4	E1	D2	T1	S1	1st Letter Triple

RACK 1 | RACK 2 | RACK 3 | RACK 4

PAR SCORE 135-145
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

P3	L1	E1	A1	T1	E1	D2	RACK 1 = 61
S1	H4	A1	R1	P3	I1	E1	RACK 2 = 62
U1	N1	C3	L1	A1	S1	P3	RACK 3 = 72
L1	O1	U1	S1	I1	L1	Y4	RACK 4 = 60

PAR SCORE 165-175 JUDD'S TOTAL 255

HITORI-3376

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4	5	3	8	5	1	2	7
3	2	7	5	1	4	6	5
2	5	8	1	4	5	5	6
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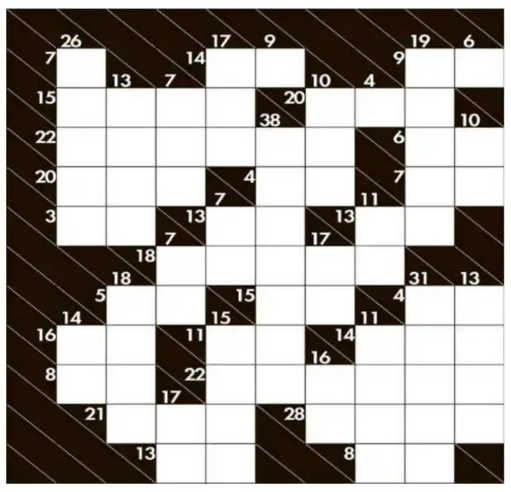
SOLUTION TO 3375

■	2	■	8	4	7	■	6
7	8	5	6	■	1	3	4
3	6	■	2	7	■	1	■
6	■	1	3	8	4	7	2
■	5	3	■	1	■	6	■
8	■	7	4	5	3	2	1
1	3	■	5	■	2	8	7
■	4	6	7	2	5	■	8

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3376



SOLUTION TO 3375

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3935

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	4		■		8		5	2
6			9	■		1		8
			■		2			6
		■				5	3	1
2	■		8				7	
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SOLUTION TO 3934

9	4	7	2	3	5	8	1	6
8	5	2	9	6	1	7	3	4
3	1	6	7	8	4	5	9	2
6	3	5	4	9	2	1	7	8
1	8	4	3	7	6	2	5	9
2	7	9	1	5	8	4	6	3
5	2	8	6	1	9	3	4	7
7	9	1	8	4	3	6	2	5
4	6	3	5	2	7	9	8	1

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

India rejects J&K reference in EU-Pak statement

Says those with no locus standi should not comment

NEW DELHI, DHNS

India on Tuesday categorically rejected "unwarranted references" to its Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in a joint statement issued by Pakistan and the European Union.

The joint statement was issued after the eighth round of Pakistan-EU strategic dialogue in Islamabad on Monday. High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission, Kaja Kallas, and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Mohammad Ishaq Dar, led the respective sides in the dialogue.

Dar "briefed" Kallas "on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir", according to the joint statement, which also noted in the same paragraph that the EU side had apprised the Pakistan side of its views on Russia's war against Ukraine. "Both sides expressed support for peaceful resolution of conflicts through dialogue and diplomacy, in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter," the joint statement noted after referring to the issue of J&K and the Russia-Ukraine conflict in the same paragraph.

"We categorically reject such unwarranted references in the joint press communique on matters internal to India. The UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are integral and inalienable parts of India," Randhir Jaiswal, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson, said. "Those who have no locus standi on such matters should desist from making any comment on them."

New Delhi maintains that the 1972 Simla Agreement between India and Pakistan and the 1999 Lahore Declaration had left no scope for the United Nations or any other third party to play any role in resolving the "outstanding issues" between the two neighbours.

Pakistan and the EU also reiterated in the joint statement their unwavering support for upholding the fundamental principles of the UN Charter, notably sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-interference, as well as non-use of force or threat of force in international relations.

DIPLOMATIC DUEL

- India rejects "unwarranted references" to J&K
- In a joint statement EU and Pakistan had expressed support "for peaceful resolution of conflicts through dialogue and diplomacy, in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter"
- It was in reference to J&K and Russia's war against Ukraine

No role for third party in India-Nepal border issue: MEA

Balendra Shah had sought UK, China intervention to address the dispute

NEW DELHI, PTI

India on Tuesday categorically rejected any role for third parties to resolve its boundary row with Nepal, days after Nepalese Prime Minister Balendra Shah sought the involvement of China and the United Kingdom to address the long-standing dispute.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India and Nepal have established bilateral mechanisms to deal with all aspects of the border issue and that close to 98% of the boundary has been demarcated.

Nepal and India have had an old boundary dispute over Lipulekh, Limpiyadhura and Kalapani. India has consistently maintained that the territories are part of Uttarakhand.

S Jaishankar with Nepal's Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) president Rabi Lamichhane in New Delhi. PTI

"We have established bilateral mechanisms to deal with all aspects of boundary matters. It should be clear to all concerned that there is no role for any third parties in a bilateral matter between India and Nepal," Jaiswal said.

Shah, the rapper-turned-politician, said in Nepalese Parliament on Sunday that apart from discussions with India on the border dispute, Nepal was in touch with China and Britain as well. The three areas are located near the border between India and China.

"Since this problem dates from the time when British India left the region, it is our view that England should be involved in this matter," the Nepalese PM had said.

The external affairs ministry spokesperson's response came when asked about Shah's comments. "We have seen the remarks of the prime minister of Nepal concerning the India-Nepal boundary as well as the subsequent statement issued by the Nepali foreign ministry in this matter," he said.

"While close to 98% of the India-Nepal boundary has been demarcated, there are some unresolved segments. The shifting of the course of the Gandak river has resulted in this situation," he said.

"In addition, there are cases of cross-border occupation and encroachment of No-Man's land in demarcated segments of the boundary which are currently being mapped jointly," he added.

Hours after Shah's comments, Nepal Foreign Ministry said his remarks were related to "no-man's land encroachments" and "cross-border occupation" between the two countries, rather than any territorial claims.

BJP asks Annamalai to 'reconsider' resignation

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

Former Tamil Nadu BJP president K Annamalai on Tuesday submitted his resignation to party chief Nitin Nabin, but the High Command is believed to have asked him to "reconsider" his decision and stay put in New Delhi until further orders.

Annamalai, who has been upset with the party's alliance with AIADMK and his sidelining by the state unit after he stepped down in April 2025, met Nabin in the morning and submitted his resignation.

However, Nabin asked him not to rush into a decision and advised him to meet Union Home Minister and BJP's master strategist Amit Shah and express his concerns.

Accordingly, Annamalai met Shah in the afternoon and gifted him a book on saint-poet Thiruvalluvar.

"Shah asked him to reconsider his resignation and asked him not to leave Delhi," a source told *DH*, adding that the former Karnataka-cadre IPS officer might also meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

It is also said Shah and Nabin summoned Tamil Nadu BJP chief Nainar Nagenthiran to New Delhi for discussions on Annamalai's decision.

K Annamalai meets Amit Shah in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

"Annamalai told the leadership that he wants to chart his future course independently before thanking them for the opportunities given to him," the source added.

He is also believed to have expressed his dissatisfaction at being sidelined by the state unit, which "failed to utilise my services".

The source said Annamalai also expressed his displeasure at the way the seat-sharing negotiations with AIADMK was conducted.

"He is currently in New Delhi, and he is likely to reach Chennai on Wednesday afternoon," another source said.

If his resignation is accepted, Annamalai may not rush into launching his own political party. "He will take a few weeks off to decide on the path to be taken. He will explain the reasons for his decision before the people and talk about his vision for Tamil Nadu," the second source added.

Annamalai has kept a low-profile since he stepped down as the Tamil Nadu BJP chief to facilitate the party's alliance with AIADMK. He did not share a good rapport with Edappadi K Palaniswami.

Touted as BJP's future in Tamil Nadu given his rapport with Modi and Shah, Annamalai sought to reshape BJP's fortunes, breaking from its dependence on AIADMK. But his unfiltered style and ideological tightrope-walking have left him both celebrated and isolated.

Mehbooba writes to NC, BJP & Cong for dialogue with Centre

ZULFIKAR MAJID
SRINAGAR, DHNS

A proposal by PDP president Mehbooba Mufti seeking a united political outreach to New Delhi triggered a public exchange with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday after she made her letter to him public on social media, urging him to convene an all-party meeting on Jammu and Kashmir's political future.

Mehbooba Mufti

Responding on X, Omar Abdullah said Mehbooba had contacted him only recently seeking a meeting and rejected her suggestion that she had been waiting for an appointment for weeks.

The CM said the two had spoken on Saturday and that he had informed her he was in Pahalgam on Sunday, adding that he would get in touch on Monday or Tuesday to fix a meeting. He further stated that since the correspondence had been placed in the public domain, he would respond to her proposal after consulting senior party colleagues.

The exchange came as Mehbooba reached out separately to the ruling NC, the BJP and the Congress, urging them to rise above political differences and jointly appeal to the Union government for a sustained dialogue process with the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

In letters addressed to the CM, Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma of the BJP and J&K Pradesh Congress Committee president, Tariq Hameed Karra, the PDP chief described J&K as being at a "critical juncture" marked by deepening despair, uncertainty and disillusionment nearly 7 years after the abrogation of Article 370.

She said the recent engagement between the Leh Apex Body and the Kargil Democratic Alliance with the Centre demonstrated that "sincere dialogue can lead to meaningful outcomes".

"The time has come for all of us to make a united appeal to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Hon'ble Home Minister, urging them to initiate a meaningful and sustained engagement with the people of Jammu & Kashmir," she wrote.

Mehbooba said parties must keep "disagreements and contrarian views on the back-burner" in the larger public interest and warned against turning the initiative into a matter of political credit.

Kerala gets woman deputy speaker after three decades

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS: The Kerala Assembly on Tuesday elected Congress MLA Shanimol Osman as Deputy Speaker, giving the House its first woman in the post in over three decades.

Shanimol Osman

She becomes the fourth woman to hold the position. The 60-year-old Osman, a two-time MLA from Aroor in Alappuzha, has held various party posts and is a member of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee's core committee.

In the deputy speaker election, Osman secured 99 votes in the 140-member House. Of the 102 members in the Congress-led United Democratic Front, two were absent and the Speaker did not vote. CPI's Muhammad Muhasin, contesting as the CPM-led Left Democratic Front candidate, won 34 of the 35 LDF votes, with one member absent. Three BJP MLAs abstained from voting.

UK police under pressure after dying student was handcuffed

LONDON, REUTERS: British police faced a national backlash on Tuesday over the controversial case of an 18-year-old student who was handcuffed while lying fatally wounded after his killer falsely alleged that he had carried out a racist attack.

Henry Nowak died after being stabbed in the southern English city of Southampton in December last year.

His killer, Vickrum Digwa, a 23-year-old Sikh man, was sentenced to life imprisonment on Monday after it emerged that he had falsely told police at the scene that Nowak had assaulted him. In police bodycam footage, Nowak is seen lying in the street saying, "I've been stabbed" and "I can't breathe", while an officer responds: "I don't think you have, mate."

Nigel Farage, whose anti-immigration Reform party leads opinion polls, said the case was an example of the rights of ethnic minorities being prioritised over those of white British people.

Iran studying final text of draft deal to halt war

Tehran agreed to discuss nuclear programme: Rubio

DUBAI, REUTERS

Iran is reviewing a proposed agreement with the US to halt the war but has not communicated with Washington for several days, Iranian media reported on Tuesday, after US President Donald Trump said talks were continuing.

Iran has not yet responded to a proposed final text of a temporary agreement and is taking a "stern" approach because of what it sees as a history of US non-compliance and longstanding mistrust, Mehr News Agency quoted a source as saying.

The Fars news agency, also citing a source, said messages regarding the possible agreement, or memorandum of understanding, had ceased several days ago. The last communication, it said, was Tehran's "clear message" on Lebanon, where Iran is seeking an end to Israel attacks on its ally Hezbollah.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio told lawmakers on Tuesday that Iran had agreed to discuss aspects of its nuclear programme that it had previously refused to address, but added that this did not guarantee a final agreement.

Rubio said the first condition in the talks was that Iran reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio testifies before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington DC on Tuesday. REUTERS

WAR CONTINUES

- Israel continued to strike southern Lebanon on Tuesday as Iran-backed Hezbollah attacked its troops there despite an apparent Washington-brokered de-escalation deal on Monday and a fourth round of US-hosted talks between Lebanon and Israel.

US wants Russian oil waivers ended

The US on Tuesday said it would like to end the sanctions waivers granted to countries purchasing Russian oil, contending that the measures were intended as temporary steps to ease global supply pressures in the wake of the Iran war, PTI reports from Washington.

Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the decision would be made by the Department of the Treasury. The US granted a waiver on the purchase of Russian oil in March and has extended it twice. The waiver will expire on June 17. India is among the countries that have benefited from the waiver on US sanctions related to Russian oil purchases.

Trump signs AI order giving govt access to powerful models

WASHINGTON, AFP: United States President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Tuesday creating a voluntary framework under which Artificial Intelligence developers will share advanced models with the government before public release.

The central provision allows companies such as OpenAI, Google and Anthropic to give the government access to their most powerful models for up to 30 days before their planned release.

The order was triggered by concerns over Anthropic's Mythos model, which the AI startup has refused to release publicly due to its ability to expose vulnerabilities in computer systems, including those of banks, governments and hospitals.

The 30-day window represents a compromise. The original draft that leaked to US media called for up to 90 days of pre-release government access, while technology companies had pushed to reduce that period to just 14 days.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Protesters push against a barricade blocking access to the Zócalo during a teachers' strike ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Mexico City on Monday. AFP

Over 550 Indian peacekeepers awarded UN Medal of Honour

- Over 550 Indian peacekeepers, including 53 women, serving with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) have been honoured for their dedication and commitment to protecting civilians and supporting peacebuilding efforts in the conflict-affected country, PTI reports from the United Nations.

A total of 565 Indian Blue Helmets and 464 Rwandan peacekeepers received the UN Medal of Honour at a ceremony in South Sudan's Malakal city, UNMISS said on Monday. There were 53 women among the 565 Indian Blue Helmets, it said. Blue Helmets refers to military personnel, police officers and civilian experts serving under the operational command of UN peacekeeping forces. The peacekeepers were recognised for their efforts in "protecting civilians through patrols, community engagement, veterinary camps, women's self-defence training, combating gender violence, and improving humanitarian access", the UN body said.

Be ready for El Nino, warns UN

- The World Meteorological Organization said there is an 80% chance of the warming El Nino phenomenon developing between June and August, increasing the risk of extreme weather events, AFP reports from Geneva.

"Fuelled by unusually warm ocean waters in the tropical Pacific, El Nino conditions are developing," the UN weather and climate agency said. Forecasts from the WMO's global network "indicate a pronounced shift towards El Nino conditions, with probabilities reaching 80% for June-August". El Nino is a climate phenomenon that warms surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean, bringing worldwide changes in winds, pressure and rainfall patterns.

21 killed in heavy Russian attack on Ukrainian cities

KYIV, AFP

Russia pummelled Ukraine with hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles on Tuesday, killing at least 21 people, days after threatening a large-scale attack and warning foreign citizens to leave Kyiv.

Authorities in the Ukrainian capital had warned that Russia was preparing the latest in a string of massive deadly strikes that have escalated the four-year-old war and dimmed the slim hopes for peace. The Ukrainian air force said Russia launched 73 missiles and 656 drones, adding that 54 drones and 33 missiles had penetrated its air defence system.

AFP journalists in Kyiv heard air raid sirens wailing over the city before a series of loud explosions forcing residents with bags and blankets to shelter in metro stations.

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andriy Sybiga said the attack was a sign of Russian desperation, that President Vladimir Putin was bombing civilians since his forces were struggling on the battlefield. "Putin is a war criminal and loser who has no cards except terror. Moscow is losing on the battlefield," Sybiga said.

US to dismantle deep-ocean observation system

WASHINGTON, PTI: The US will begin dismantling its deep-ocean observation system in the North Atlantic and North Pacific Oceans, which is used to monitor coastal environments, marine ecosystems and powerful ocean currents that influence the global climate, according to a report.

The National Science Foundation said it was sending ships this month to begin removing over 900 deep-sea instruments anchored off Oregon, Washington state, Alaska, North Carolina, and an area between Greenland and Iceland known as the Irminger Sea, The New York Times reported.

Scientists use data generated by these instruments, part of the Ocean Observatories Initiative, to understand how oceans absorb greenhouse gases and how changes in sea temperature, such as marine heatwaves, affect fisheries or signal broader climate shifts.

US to deport 30 Indians

NEW YORK, PTI: About 30 individuals from India found to be living in the US illegally and working as commercial truck drivers have been arrested as part of a federal operation and will soon be deported.

US Customs and Border Protection said that Border Patrol agents from the Yuma Sector in Arizona arrested 52 individuals during 'Operation Checkmate' between May 11 and 15 for being in the US illegally.

Anthropic ups access to Mythos AI model

NEW YORK, AFP: Anthropic on Tuesday gave around 150 organisations around the world access to Mythos, its powerful new AI model whose rapid ability to identify weaknesses in computer security has sparked global concern.

The California-headquartered AI company had initially restricted access to Mythos in early April, after tests showed the model was extraordinarily good at finding security holes in software code – identifying thousands of them in a short period of time.

Now Anthropic is opening the program to groups from over 15 countries.

Adani Group firms post record Rs 1.53L-cr capex

All-time high EBITDA of Rs 94,834 crore in FY2025-26

NEW DELHI, PTI

Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani

Adani Group companies reported a record capital expenditure of Rs 1.53 lakh crore ($16.1 billion) and an all-time high EBITDA of Rs 94,834 crore ($10 billion) in FY2025-26, underscoring an accelerating infrastructure expansion cycle, while maintaining leverage below its stated target.

The investment programme — the largest annual capex undertaken by an Indian corporate group — lifted the portfolio's gross asset base to Rs 7.85 lakh crore ($82.8 billion), with nearly 80% of spending directed towards energy, utilities, transport, and logistics businesses.

Consolidated EBITDA rose 5.6% YoY, according to the group's annual results and credit compendium released on Tuesday.

Nearly 80% of FY26 investments were directed toward core infrastructure businesses, including energy, utilities, transport, and logistics, underscoring the group's continued focus on sectors linked to India's infrastructure build-out.

The investment cycle comes as several large projects entered operations, including 5.1 GW of renewable energy capacity, battery energy storage systems, Navi Mumbai International Airport, the Guwahati terminal, the Ganga Expressway, and a copper smelter.

The conglomerate said these assets are expected to contribute more meaningfully to earnings and cash flows FY27 onwards.

Core infrastructure businesses generated Rs 82,083 crore of EBITDA during FY26, accounting for 87% of portfolio earnings. The transport segment, led by Adani Ports, recorded the strongest growth, with EBITDA rising 23.2% to Rs 25,228 crore. Utility businesses reported EBITDA growth of 4.6% to Rs 45,377 crore.

Despite the sharp increase in capital spending, the group maintained net debt-to-EBITDA at 3.3 times, below its stated ceiling of 3.5 times. Cash and cash equivalents stood at Rs 55,852 crore at the end of March, equivalent to 15% of gross debt.

Adani Energy Solutions reported an under-construction transmission pipeline worth Rs 71,779 crore and crossed 10 million smart meter installations.

Adani Enterprises, the group's incubator business, raised Rs 24,930 crore through a rights issue during the fiscal year under review, while its airports portfolio handled 95.3 million passengers across eight airports.

Honeywell unveils new brand identities

BENGALURU, DHNS: Global industrial technology and aerospace major Honeywell on Tuesday unveiled new brand identities for its automation and aerospace businesses — Honeywell Technologies and Honeywell Aerospace — ahead of their planned separation into two independent publicly-traded companies on June 29, 2026, when Honeywell spins off its Aerospace business.

Honeywell Aerospace

Honeywell Technologies

Honeywell's current brand value is estimated at $18 billion and has been synonymous with delivering innovation to customers for 140 years. Both new brands will draw on Honeywell's history, while reflecting each company's focused strategy and long-term growth trajectory, a statement said.

Following the spin-off, Honeywell's automation business will operate as Honeywell Technologies and continue trading on Nasdaq under the ticker "HON", while the aerospace business will become Honeywell Aerospace, trading under the ticker "HONA". This move aims to create two focused businesses with distinct growth trajectories.

The company's automation business will focus on driving the industrial transition from automation to autonomy through mission-critical technologies, software and solutions, the statement added. Meanwhile, Honeywell Aerospace will position itself as one of the world's largest pure-play aerospace suppliers, focusing on electrification and autonomous flight technologies.

RBI may have sold gold to save forex

Guv weighing all options to stabilise the rupee

BLOOMBERG

India's central bank may have offloaded a portion of its gold holdings to shield its foreign-currency assets from the cascading fallout of the war in the Middle East, according to an analysis by Bloomberg Economics based on publicly available data.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) likely sold gold reserves worth roughly $12 billion in the two weeks through May 22, while buying $7.5 billion of foreign-currency assets, Abhishek Gupta, Bloomberg Economics' senior India economist, wrote in a report.

A fall in the reported value of the RBI's bullion reserves came despite a hike in import duties on the precious metal, which should have boosted the value of the bank's bullion and dollars. This suggests the RBI was selling gold, according to Gupta.

The RBI didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

The purported sales underscore policymakers' concerns about the pressure India is facing from sustained capital outflows and higher oil prices as the Iran war and effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz drag on. They also show the RBI is prioritising reserves of liquid foreign currency as a wider current-account deficit weighs on the rupee.

Governor Sanjay Malhotra is weighing all options available to stabilise the rupee, including an interest-rate hike and raising dollars from investors overseas, *Bloomberg News* reported earlier.

The RBI's interventions in the foreign exchange markets have had some effect, helping the rupee outperform most peers in Asia since May 20, when the currency fell to an all-time low.

The rupee was down 0.2% to 95.17 on Tuesday. As the world's third-largest oil importer, India is burning through foreign currency as the West Asia war inflates its energy bill and batters the local currency.

Measures to shore up rupee expected

The government has ramped up efforts to curb foreign outflows and cushion its economy from the fallout of the war, including hiking fuel prices, and more than doubling import duties on precious metals. Authorities are expected to unveil further measures to shore up the rupee as soon as this week.

The RBI will likely continue rebuilding forex reserves wherever conditions allow, according to Gupta. "Periods of dollar weakness, renewed foreign-capital inflows, or lower oil prices would create opportunities to add to foreign-currency assets," he wrote in the report.

By the end of March, the central bank held 880.52 metric tons of gold, of which 77% was held domestically. Six months earlier, it kept 66% of its gold locally. Most of its overseas holdings are with the Bank of England and the Bank for International Settlements, the RBI said in its half yearly foreign exchange report in April.

The sharp jump in gold repatriation in recent years indicates the RBI, like other emerging market central banks, is increasingly concerned about the exposure of its reserves held overseas after Russia's assets were frozen by the West.

IEA cautions about critically low energy stockpiles

LONDON, REUTERS: Global oil inventories could hit critical levels ahead of the peak summer demand period if stock draws continue at their current pace, the head of the International Energy Agency's oil industry and markets division said on Tuesday.

Fuel demand typically peaks in the Northern Hemisphere in summer, when people drive and fly on holiday.

"We're seeing stock draws continuing into the summer, and with the possibility or the likelihood that we reach critical levels or historical low levels just ahead of the peak summer demand," said Toril Bosoni. It could take 6-8 months in the best-case scenario to reopen the Strait of Hormuz if an agreement was reached today, Bosoni said at the S&P Global Energy Middle East Petroleum and Gas Conference in London.

That could make a further IEA-coordinated emergency stock release a possibility, but that is not currently being discussed as around half of the initial 400-million-barrel coordinated release from March is yet to hit the market, she added. "In any case, emergency stock releases are only a temporary stop-gap measure, they're not going to solve this problem. The scale of the supply losses are so big that the reduction would have to come from the demand side."

Demand destruction is where high prices force consumers to cut back on buying until supply and demand are more balanced. Gulf oil producers have lost around 14 million bpd of supply since the end of February, the IEA said.

Govt to revamp wholesale inflation measurement framework

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Centre is set to revamp the way wholesale price inflation is measured in India with the introduction of a new gauge for the factory-gate price movement called Producer Price Index (PPI), which will replace the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in the next five years.

The first PPI-based price movement data will be released on June 15, along with the WPI data. Both WPI and PPI data will be released simultaneously for the next five years. Thereafter, the WPI will be discontinued.

This means after five years, PPI will become the key gauge of wholesale price inflation in the country.

"The transition from WPI to PPI is in alignment with the global best practices adopted by advanced economies and the recommendations of the IMF," according to a statement released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The upcoming WPI data, to be released on June 15, will be as per the revised 2022-23 base year.

"The revision of the Base Year of Wholesale Price Index (WPI) from 2011-12 to 2022-23 and compilation of Producer Price Indices (PPIs) has been approved by the competent authority in its meeting held on May 25, 2026," the ministry said.

The Office of Economic Adviser, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), which is responsible for the release of the WPI data, will also release the PPI data.

The PPI data will not be released on a consolidated basis but through three indices — Input PPI, Output PPI, and Services PPI. The Services PPI will be released quarterly, while the other two will be published every month. On June 15, the DPIIT will release WPI and output PPI provisional data for May based on the 2022-23 series. It will also release the back series from April 2023 to April 2026 (37 months).

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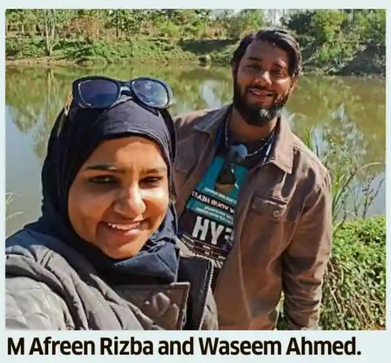
The book-wrapper city parents swear by

M Afreen Rizba has built a business around a task many families grumble about

SHRADDHA A K
TEAM METROLIFE

Every year, as summer holidays end and new textbooks arrive in homes across Bengaluru, parents brace themselves for the tedious task of wrapping school books. For M Afreen Rizba, however, it has become a thriving seasonal business. Operating from her home near Bannerghatta Road, the 35-year-old artist, baker and entrepreneur spends the school reopening season neatly wrapping textbooks for families across the city. What began in 2021 as a favour for a family friend soon turned into Wasafi Inks, a venture she now runs with some help from her husband, A Waseem Ahmed.

"My friend told me how much stress it took away," Afreen recalls. "That's when I realised many parents probably needed this help." This year alone, Wasafi Inks wrapped over 2,000 books for more than 50 customers in just 20 days. The business also received a boost after one of Afreen's Instagram reels showcasing the process garnered nearly 90,000 views.



M Afreen Rizba and Waseem Ahmed.

A typical set contains 30 to 35 textbooks and takes about two to three hours to complete, though urgent orders are often turned around much faster. Afreen recalls wrapping 17 books in just 30 minutes for a student who needed them before school the next day. Prices range from Rs 300 to Rs 700, depending on the number of books and materials required, with books beyond 50 in a set charged at an additional Rs 10 each.

Afreen utilises a hyperlocal delivery service for book deliveries and returns, passing the shipping costs on to her customers.

She has noticed a growing number of fathers reaching out for help. "Many tell me that it takes a huge load off their shoulders," she explains and adds that recently, a few single parents have also approached her. One such customer, Anil (name changed), says, "The service helped save time and reduce stress, and the books were wrapped with great attention to detail," he says.

Among her customers is Karen, a corporate project manager. Despite living quite a distance from Bannerghatta Road, she chose the service because it saved time. "The wrapping was completed within a day, and the pricing was reasonable." Another single father, who is a healthcare professional, says he will use the service every year as it saves him time.

Visit @wasafiinks on Instagram.

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2 initiatives bring care and aid to queer community

The Bangalore Pledge Project for Trans Siblings offers financial support for everyday essentials

SHARON NATASHA
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Some members of the queer community are connecting trans individuals in need of financial support for groceries, healthcare, transport and other everyday essentials directly with supporters.

The initiative is called The Bangalore Pledge Project for Trans Siblings. It is named after the model it operates on. A supporter pledges Rs 1,000, and the team matches the amount to support a trans person in need, with the money going towards essential services or goods. Supporters directly pay the service provider or shop used by the beneficiary.

Originally founded during the pandemic by writer Rheea Mukherjee and theatre practitioner Nisha Abdulla, the project was recently revived in response to the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026, passed in March. The Bill has been widely criticised for going against the interests of the trans community. Rheea has now brought in Debbie Das, owner of a graphic design business, and Anushree B, garden architect, to help helm the second run.

The project draws inspiration from ration kit drives that supported some of Bengaluru's most vulnerable residents during the Covid-19 crisis. This time, however, the focus is specifically on trans people in the city and their everyday needs. The team believes dignity lies in everyday support, not just moments of crisis.

Rheea Mukherjee, Anushree B and Debbie Das from The Bangalore Pledge Project for Trans Siblings.

Every rupee spent through the project is tracked and accounted for. Every contribution is also compensated. For instance, when Christy Raj, a trans man and activist, handled ration distribution for the team, he was paid for his work.

Since its revival, the project has supported 28 trans persons in Bengaluru, mainly by funding groceries and therapy sessions.

"We are running into problems, but we are figuring out solutions. It's been fun, but it's also been challenging," says Debbie. The team identifies beneficiaries through follower networks and by verifying the profiles of those who reach out directly.

To connect, write to @debbiedas.d, @chingaariya or @rheealization on Instagram.

Queer Nilayam is creating spaces for friendship, healing, livelihoods and crisis assistance

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TEAM METROLIFE

While living in Hyderabad, Jayant, aka Jojo, realised that though the city had many cultural events for queer people, there was no space to simply meet, connect and support one another in everyday life. In 2021, amid the pandemic, he and four friends started monthly online gatherings, which later grew into in-person meetups.

In 2025, Jayant, a documentation manager, moved to Bengaluru, bringing the initiative, Queer Nilayam, with him. Its activities include monthly support meetings with a counsellor, listening circles, and speed-friendship and speed-dating events. It organises flea markets, performances, health awareness programmes, and a queer arts and literature festival. It also hosts corporate carnivals connecting companies with performers and vendors from the queer community.

Queer Nilayam welcomes anyone who reaches out directly, but its volunteers also proactively connect with members of the community and introduce them to support networks. Political discussions are usually kept aside during regular meetings, but are later given space in moderated settings. The collective also helps channel financial support for medical needs such as hormone replacement therapy, provides legal referrals, assists in rescuing queer people in distress, and connects them with safe shelters. It has worked closely with the Coalition for Sex Workers', Sexual and Gender Minority Rights and has supported Dalit queer persons through training, helping them engage with the police and media, and organise protests.

Jayant (green T-shirt), founder of Queer Nilayam, at a community meetup.

Jayant was apprehensive about shifting Queer Nilayam's base from Hyderabad to Bengaluru, as the community there valued these meetups. "But my partner convinced me, saying the community will follow," he recalls.

The first five months passed without any meetup. But cut to present — Queer Nilayam has reached around 2,300 people in Bengaluru, and supported 4,453 people across Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

To connect, visit @queernilayam on Instagram.

PRIDE MONTH

FRONT ROW

Fandom and fame at K-pop event

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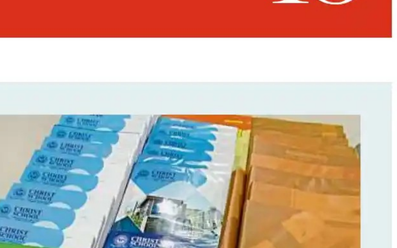
TEAM METROLIFE

Music spilled from every corner, dance circles appeared like magic, and queues snaked across the venue as hundreds of K-pop fans gathered for HYBE INDIA's Pop-up Park in Bengaluru last weekend.

Part fan convention, part talent hunt, the event blended the energy of the burgeoning K-pop fandom in the city with the possibility of future fame. Fans traded photocards and plushies, compared favourite artists, posed at photo booths, and filmed dance challenges to songs by BTS, Katseye, Tomorrow X Together, Illit, and other HYBE acts blasting through the speakers. The loudest cheers erupted when familiar tracks came on. Within seconds, the crowd transformed into a synchronised dance floor, and of course, every moment was recorded for social media. Elsewhere, visitors left breathless handwritten messages for their favourite K-pop artistes, sang along wildly at a carpool-karaoke installation, and lined up for digital experiences inspired by the HYBE universe, a 'legit' subculture by itself.



Fans wrote messages for their favourite K-pop artistes at the event.

But beyond the merchandise and music, an interesting facet of the event was aspiring performers queueing up for auditions for a global girl group project, hoping years of practice in bedrooms, classrooms and dance studios might lead to something bigger.

A discussion during the Bhasha Centre's fellowship programme.

9 contemporary Kannada stories ready for stage

TEAM METROLIFE

Bhasha Centre for Performing Arts is organising a theatre festival from June 6. The main focus of the nine-day fest, 'Kusumaale', is contemporary Kannada playwriting. The festival is being conducted in partnership with Chiguru by Prestige Centre for Performing Arts.

Nine new plays written by the first fellows of Bhasha's Girish Karnad Fellowship for Kannada Playwriting will be staged.

A year ago, Bhasha conceived the fellowship programme to encourage contemporary playwriting. "Younger playwrights don't seem to engage with contemporary writing in theatre. There is a tendency to drift towards mythology and the classics. As much as those are important, there are also stories around us, of the lives we lead, the people we know, the opinions we hold. And these are topics of great interest," says Vivek Madan, founder of Bhasha Centre.

From the 40 applications they received, 11 playwrights were chosen for two residency workshops focusing on discovering the stories they want to tell. Of the nine scripts that emerged, five plays will be presented as full productions and four as rehearsed readings. Theatre persons Irawati Karnik, Lakshman K P, Sathwik N N, and Yashaswini were the facilitators of the programme.

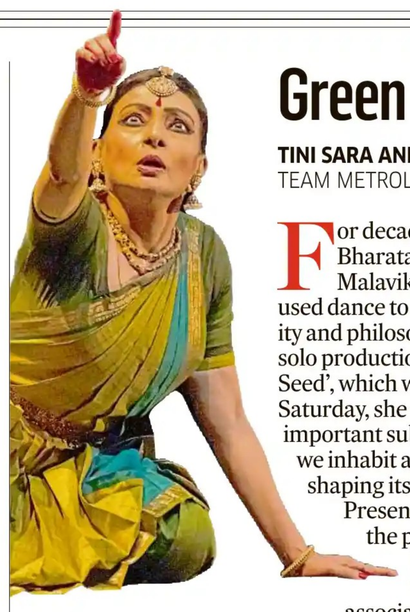
Some of the seminars at the fest include 'Gender, Gaze, and Authority' by literary critic and writer M S Asha Devi, 'Theatre of Power: Interrogating Politics of Performance' by literary critic and writer Rajendra Chenni, and 'The Confluence of Many Kannada(s) in Children's Theatre' by poet and playwright Kotiganahalli Ramaiah.

Kusumaale, June 6 to 14, at Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte. For tickets and details, visit bhashacentre.com

POPCORN

Bus karo

Zameer Ahmed, the Congress leader who went viral with his dialogue delivery — remember his 'Conjrajulations brother!' and 'Abbabba lottery! Income tax-u...' — is now at the heart of a controversy. An audio clip suggests he worked hard to ensure the defeat of his own party's candidate in the Davangere South by-election. So what will be the fallout? Will he be dropped from D K Shivakumar's Cabinet in the making? Abbabba, looks like the owner of a fleet of buses is likely to miss the bus.



Malavika Sarukkai in 'Beeja Earth Seed'.

Green turn in Malavika Sarukkai's new work

TINI SARA ANIEN
TEAM METROLIFE

For decades, renowned Bharatanatyam dancer Malavika Sarukkai has used dance to explore spirituality and philosophy. In her latest solo production, 'Beeja Earth Seed', which will be staged on Saturday, she turns towards an important subject — the planet we inhabit and the choices shaping its future.

Presented by Bhoomija, the production moves beyond conventional themes associated with classical dance to engage with questions of environmental degradation, greed and the consequences of unchecked human ambition. "The work speaks about the beautiful, wondrous, and fertile planet we inherited and questions what human beings have done to it. It aims to be a strong commentary in the language of dance on the living planet," she told *Metrolife*.

A tree in the production serves as the narrator and witness, guiding audiences through a world populated by deer, swans, and other creatures. The production is inspired by Malavika's long-standing fascination with trees and her admiration for naturalist David Attenborough's documentaries. A phrase she encountered years ago while walking through a mountain forest also stayed with her: "I was once a seed that held its ground."

The solo work will feature a recorded score featuring more than 20 musicians, alongside two live musicians on stage.

The production also incorporates a 360-degree ambisonic sound design by music producer Sai Shravanam and lighting by Niranjan Gokhale, creating what Malavika describes as "a deeply immersive experience".

Beeja Earth Seed, June 6, 7 pm, at Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte. Tickets on in.bookmyshow.com

EVENTS

Tribute to Asha
'On Her Own Terms', a discussion on the life and music of legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle will be held on June 6, 11 am, at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. The event will be interwoven with live performances of some of her popular songs. RSVP at bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Revival project
Singer M D Pallavi and guitarist Bruce Lee Mani will reinterpret 11th-century vachanas through experimental music in a concert titled 'Kayaka' on June 5 and 6, 9.30 pm, at Windmills Craftworks, Whitefield. Tickets on windmills-india.com

Epic show
Odissi dancer Madhulita Mohapatra and her Nrityantar Dance Ensemble will present 'Draupadi's Mahabharata' on June 7, 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm, at Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield. The production explores questions of dharma, justice, power and consequence. Tickets on in.bookmyshow.com

Stories of science
Science artist Shravana Ganga will lead 'Lost in the Hyperbolic World', a storytelling session about space, on June 7, 6 pm, at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar. Visit @attagalatta on Instagram.

Your quick guide to eco-events this week

Sessions on rivers, forests, climate anxiety and civic innovation are lined up

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Nature in Kuvempu's world

The week-long Environment Day series has already begun at the Bangalore International Centre (BIC), Domlur. On June 4, 'The Living Cauvery' will open with a skit on Bengaluru's water challenges, followed by a talk by conservation biologist Naren Sreenivasan on the Cauvery, which is home to wildlife such as the critically endangered humpback mahseer.

On June 5, the 'Planting Forests in Small Spaces' session will highlight the growing movement to restore microforests using the Miyawaki method, and create green walls in industrial spaces. On June 6, 'Conservation and Conflict' will focus on human-wildlife conflict in agricultural settings, drawing from Susheel Gyanchand's book 'Rogues: Elephants, Maneaters and Poachers, 1973-2023'.

The series will conclude on June 7 with a full-day programme featuring an environment quiz open to all ages, a children's session on the origins of food, a talk on foraging, and a nature walk to observe urban wildlife. Kuvempu's literary works, which explore nature as a force shaping human life, will also be discussed.

Visit bangaloreinternationalcentre.org for details.

Cultural change

Innovation for a sustainable future is the aim of the Bengaluru Climate Summit, scheduled for June 4 and 5 at the CMRIT campus in Whitefield. Solutions for water security, renewable energy, waste management, sustainable mobility and related areas will be the focus of exhibitions and roundtable discussions.

Top performers of the '#AI4BetterBLR' hackathon will demonstrate AI-driven tools and dashboards they have developed to make Bengaluru more walkable, resolve its garbage issues, and improve civic grievance reporting.

'Art for Climate' will invite visitors to reflect on pressing issues such as water scarcity and biodiversity loss through artistic expression. As a closing event, 'Culture for Climate' will ask whether art can inspire citizens to take meaningful climate action.

Entry free. Register on bengaluruclimatesummit.com

Coping with climate anxiety

Mental health professional Mani will host a 'Climate Anxiety & Art' workshop on June 6, 6.30 pm, at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar. Through self-reflection and art, the session will help participants explore the emotional impact of climate change, including helplessness, grief, guilt and fear, linked to Bengaluru's changing environment. It aims to build resilience in uncertain times.

For tickets and details, visit @attagalatta on Instagram.

Lessons from Luni

BLR Design Centre, Church Street, will host a talk on June 5, followed by a workshop on June 6. The talk, 'Stories From a Desert River', will explore the history, shifting course and evolution of Rajasthan's Luni river. Saurav Vaishnav, one of the speakers, will discuss the river's cultural and social significance, touching on subjects such as migration, caste dynamics and gender roles. The 'Dialogic Method Workshop' is designed for practitioners in the social and development sectors. It will help them turn insights gathered at the grassroots level into research data.

Entry free. For details, visit blrdesigncentre.com

Naren Sreenivasan, who will lead a talk at BIC, Domlur, with a radio-tagged mahseer in the Cauvery. PIC: J SURESH

Exploring forests

A nature walk at Dorensanipalya, a reserve forest within the Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute campus in J P Nagar, is scheduled for June 7 at 8 am. The two-hour walk will introduce participants to local trees, birds and insects, as well as the history of the forest and its soil ecology. Anjali Lakra, organiser of Sustainable Sundays, which is behind the walk, says, "Unless people connect with nature, they won't protect it."

Entry free. To register, visit @sustainable_sundays_blr on Instagram.

1500m NR holder Deeksha fails dope test

NEW DELHI, PTI: Women's 1500m national record holder and National Games silver medallist KM Deeksha has failed a dope test, according to sources.

The 27-year-old Deeksha, who has participated in just one competition this year in April, has tested positive for a banned substance. The nature of the substance and further details of her test is not known.

Deeksha did not take part in the recent Federation Cup in Ranchi which was mandatory for an athlete to get selected for the 2026 Commonwealth Games (July 23 to August 2) in Glasgow, unless he or she is exempted by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).

Deeksha, an athlete in the NADA's Registered Testing Pool, had clocked 4 minute 25.74 seconds to win the 1500m race at the Indian Open Athletics Series 2 in Jaipur on April 5. Her timing was outside the CWG qualification standard.

River Of Gold for Varahi Trophy

MYSURU SELECTIONS

Ruban P-trained River Of Gold, to be ridden by Hindu Singh, is the favourite to win the Varahi Trophy, to be run over a distance of 1200 meters at the races on Wednesday. The first race starts at 1:30 pm.

1. The Balamuri Plate (Div II) - 1400M: Alluring Beauty 1, Rich Strike 1, Brocston 3.
2. The Prince Regent Plate - 1100M: Biometric 1, Sandal King 2, King Scarface 3.
3. The Balamuri Plate (Div I) - 1400M: Perfect Heart 1, Carolina Springs 2, Lead Singer 3.
4. The Kolar Plate (Div II) - 1400M: Natural Look 1, Sands Of Dubai 2, Krishvi 3.
5. The Red Satin Plate - 1200M: Vandhiyathevan1, Constant Variable 2, Decacorn 3.
6. The Varahi Trophy - 1200M: River Of Gold 1, Amazing Imrarifa 2, Sheeba 3.
7. The Kolar Plate (Div I) - 1400M: Cosette 1, Reign Of Terror 2, Polar Wind 3.
8. The Nagamangala Plate - 1400M: Prince Corporate 1, Knotty One 2, Natural Tornado 3.
Day's Best: Alluring Beauty. **Jackpot:** 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. **Mini jackpot:** 5, 6, 7, 8. **Treble I:** 1, 2, 3. **Treble II:** 3, 4, 5. **Treble III:** 6, 7, 8.

ATHLETICS

Nikhil springs a surprise

Inspired by Sable, B'luru athlete wins 3000m steeplechase in Asian U-20

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Nikhil Chandrasekhar (centre) defeated big favourite Yuu Kato of Japan (left) in the men's 3000m steeplechase final of the U-20 Asian Athletics Championships in Hong Kong last week.

India's young and track field athletes' success at the just-concluded Asian U-20 Championships was along expected lines as the nation equalled their best-ever finish behind China. The spread of 10 gold medals were mostly expected, save an 18-year-old from Bengaluru.

Ask those hoping for an Indian medal in the men's 3000m steeplechase, nobody was counting on Mandya-born Nikhil Chandrasekhar to beat Japan's Yuu Kato, whose season best of 8:45.80 seconds stood him apart from the rest of the field.

Nikhil, for that matter, had a lot of convincing to do to as his personal best 9:35.30, clocked during a third-place finish at the qualifying event in Tumakuru last April, didn't put him anywhere among the favourites for medals except for those who were his close allies.

"To be honest, I was hopeful that he could win silver at least as the Japanese runner looked too good," says Priyanka C, Nikhil's elder sister and reigning women's 3000m National Indoors champion.

Alike Neeraj Chopra's Tokyo Olympics triumph, when the Indian javelin star stunned heavy favourite Johannes Vetter, the young steeplechaser didn't just overtake Yuu in the final lap but ensured he never allowed the Japanese to catch up. The pace his legs produced at the dying stretch of a sultry evening in Hong Kong was palpable.

"I feel it was the adrenaline rush that got me through in the final phases," says Nikhil, who is trained by OP Jaisha in Bengaluru. "Once I overtook a couple of them, I felt I had the legs to overtake the Japanese too in the final lap as his pace visibly dropped and I went for it."

Unlike the sprint events, where pace takes prominence over a matter of few seconds, long-distance events like steeplechase are more tactical in nature with pre and mid-race strategies deciding the outcome.

"Before I left for Hong Kong, my sister told me that the training part is done, now it's about how I use my mind and plan the race," says Nikhil.

Once in Hong Kong, three days before the race, Nikhil followed the Indian coaches' instruction to stay indoors and conserve his energy during the day and train in the evening with the aim of acclimatising for the big day.

"I was clear in my mind that I am not here to see Hong Kong even if it's my first foreign trip. I knew I could do all that once the race was over. All that I had on my mind was what my coach said, 'don't go all out from the start, build your pace lap by lap'," says the young man, who looks up to his idol Avinash Sable.

Sable has taken steeplechase to new heights in the country by improving the once stagnant national mark multiple times and by more than 30 seconds to the current best of 8.09.91. The standard has been set high for Nikhil.

"At the world level, it's only going to get faster as Avinash sir has shown us. I aim to reach there in future and take steeplechase to new heights," concludes Nikhil.

Indian racer Kavin bags two podium finishes in Spain

BENGALURU, DHNS: Indian motorcycle racer Kavin Quintal **(in pic)** of BMW EasyRace Team made an impressive start to his Copa de Espana de Velocidad campaign by securing two podium finishes in the opening round at the Circuito de Jerez.

The Chennai rider finished second in Race 1, astride a BMW M1000RR on Saturday, in a highly-competitive grid of 33 riders. He followed it up with a third-place finish in Race 2 on Sunday, also in the Superbike 1000cc category.

Kavin, who created history in 2024 as the first Indian to compete in the Supersport 300 World championship at the WorldSBK races in Czech Republic, qualified second fastest on the grid, and narrowly missed victory in the opening race.

He finished just 0.605 seconds behind Spain's Juan Maria Zarza and maintained his strong form in the second race to claim a The Indian ace joined the Spanish EasyRace Team in April after impressing the outfit during a wildcard appearance last year, when he finished fourth on his superbike debut. The Indian ace joined the Spanish EasyRace Team in April after impressing the outfit during a wildcard appearance last year, when he finished fourth on his superbike debut.

"I am extremely happy with how the season has started. Joining EasyRace Team earlier this year was a major step in my career and everyone in the team has worked hard to help me settle in quickly.

Likhit's 7/12 in Mount Joy win

BENGALURU, DHNS

Likith Bannur delivered a telling 7/12 to bundle out Young Lions Club for a mere 86 as Mount Joy CC posted a six-wicket victory in the KSCA Y S Ramaswamy Memorial Trophy for Group I- I, II, III division and qualifiers from IV & V division clubs.

LOCAL CRICKET

Brief scores: Young Lions Club: 86 all out in 29 overs (Vinay Radha S 42, R Venkatesh 2-18, Likhit Bannur 7-12) lt to Mount Joy Cricket Club: 87/4 in 13.4 overs (Swaroop 3-32).
Jawans CC: 256 all out in 49.1 overs (Karthik SU 30, Harshil 42, Dheeraj J Gowda 67, Arya J Gowda 25, Arsalaan M 43 n.o.; Kishore S 3-40, Saleem AS 3-26) bt Bangalore Star CA: 86 all out in 23.5 overs (Deepak 28; Arya J Gowda 6-21, Vallabh Hegde 2-5, Shreyas Kumar 2-5).
Magadi CC: 203 all out in 41.4 overs (Mann Bhati 79, Jayanth Krishnamurthy 48; Pratik Singh 3-29, Chethan 3-16, Samyam Vinay 2-7) lt to RV Engineering College Gymkhana: 206/7 in 27.5 overs (Adarsh Rangappa 81, Vineeth Manjunath 51, Praneel GM 34; Mann Bhati 3-59, Yashmith K Gowda 3-26).
The Bangalore Cricketers: 265/9 in 31 overs (Tanush M 48, Rakshith K 63, Daivik S 55, Samarth S Hegde 31; Prashanth Anand 4-40, C Abilash 3-28) bt Lions CC: 142 all out in 24.1 overs (Pratheek S 26, Ajay R Sainis 25, Guruprasad Swamy 31, C Abilash 34; Raj Kumar 3-8, Saurav P Samant 2-34, Vignesh S 2-29).
Jawahar SC (1): 98 all out in 25.2 overs (Shreyas Girish 2-14, Nithish Gowda S 3-27, Krishna 4-28) lt to Jupiter CA: 99/1 in 16 overs (Prajwal Prakash 39 n.o., Diwakar Shankar 57 n.o.)
Friends CT: 91/8 in 32.5 overs (Viaan Joshi 35; Ajay Bhide 2-22, Abhishek HP 4-17) lt to Chintamani Sports Association: 92/1 in 9.2 overs (Gyan Somaiah 27 n.o., Aaron C Christie 54).
Century Cricketers: 139 all out in 44.3 overs (Rishav A Manavatira 34 n.o.; Aditya Goyal 2-22, Goutham Mishra 3-32, Shamanth SM 3-28) lt to Coles CC: 140/4 in 21 overs (Ashwin Santosh 26, Sagar Solanki 41 n.o.).
Crescent CC (1): 101 all out in 26.5 overs (Lavish Kaushal 3/27, Rohith Kumar AC 4-23) lt to Bangalore United (1): 102/6 in 21.3 overs (Ashrith S Reddy 37 n.o.; Sandeep Agri 2-49, Srinidhi N 3-5).
Malleswaram Gymkhana: 54 all out in 17.2 overs (Bharath S 3-28, Suhas Purushotham 2-16, Sheetal Kumar 3-10) lt to Jayanagar Cricketers: 56/1 in 11.4 overs (S Chaitanya 31 n.o.).

Blasters face Mystics first in Maharaja T20

BENGALURU, DHNS: Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters and Gulbarga Mystics will kickoff the fifth edition of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 on June 20 in Mysuru, before hosts Mysore Warriors take on debutants Shivamogga Yodhas in the second game of the opening-day double-header.

The tournament will be held across Mysuru, Hubballi and Bengaluru.

The Mysuru leg will be held from June 20 to 25, before the caravan shifts to Hubballi from June 27 to July 3. The tournament will then move to Bengaluru from July 5 to 12.

The playoffs will be played from July 9, with the grand final set to be played on July 12 at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium. The player auction will be held on June 5 in Bengaluru.

Pink-ball to be trialled in case of fading light in Tests

AHMEDABAD, PTI: The usage of pink balls on trial basis during Test matches in case bad light affects play and allowing head coaches inside field of play during drinks break are some of major changes in playing conditions approved by ICC's all-powerful board at its annual meeting here.

"Trialling the use of a pink ball in Test Matches, with prior agreement from both teams, to maximise play in case of anticipated bad light," ICC said. It is understood that the match will start with red ball but if there is bad light, then floodlights could be on and pink ball will be used to make up for the overs that could otherwise be lost. How will the rule work? In a day, 90 overs are bowled and suppose after 75 overs of traditional red ball cricket, light fades with 15 overs still to bowl, that part can be covered by using pink ball under floodlights only if the two teams have agreement prior to the series.

Indian players have been known to resist playing pink ball Tests at home and whether they will agree to part usage of pink ball which can turn course of the match due to exaggerated seam movement is there to be seen.

In this regard, the ICC Board also approved "undertaking research on lighting technology for match officials and venues to reduce lost play due to poor light, with ICC co-funding R&D projects alongside Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)."

Just like T20s where coaches enter field to discuss tactics, the same would be applied in Test matches.

ICC suspension unexpected: Cricket Canada

TORONTO, PTI: Cricket Canada has termed the ICC's decision to suspend its membership as "unexpected" and said it has initiated comprehensive corrective measures to address the governance and financial deficiencies flagged by the sport's global governing body.

The ICC, at its Board meeting in Ahmedabad on Sunday, suspended Cricket Canada with immediate effect for what it described as "serious breaches" of membership obligations. However, the world body clarified that Canadian national teams would continue to remain eligible for ICC events to safeguard the interests of players.

Canada said it respected the ICC's ruling and remained committed to fulfilling all compliance requirements.

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ

ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ಲ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:2/2026–27
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.05.2026

ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–I & II ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ಲ್ ಏಕ & ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ದರ್ಜೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎನ್‌ರೋಲ್ ಮಾಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ಲ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ. (1) kppportal ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್–ಬಿ ಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.06.2026 ರ 16.30 ರವರೆಗೆ.** (2) **ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.06.2026 ರಂದು 4.35 ನಂತರ.** (3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.06.2026 ರಂದು 4.35 ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ (4) ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ (ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ): ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.**

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ. ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:80/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2026–27

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ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through KPP Portal only)
KPCL invites tenders through "e" Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

BHADRA GENERATING STATION

1) Tender No. KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4181 Date: 01.06.2026 Inspection, Testing and Calibration of various equipment's, tools and tackles for the year 2026-27 at BGS. **EMD: Rs.18,767/-.** Last date for submission of tender: **15.06.2026 up to 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from **Executive Engineer (O&M) Bhadra,** KPCL, BGS, B.R. Project - 571 115, Bhadravathi-Tq., Shivamogga-District.

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

2) Tender No. KPCL/2026-27/EL/WORK_INDENT4195 Dated: 27.05.2026 Rewinding of Distribution Transformers at Kadra Power House. Amount put to tender: **Rs.16,74,700/-. EMD: Rs.41,868/-.** Period of completion: **3 months** from the date of handing over of Transformers. Last date for submission tenders: **15.06.2026 at 17.00 Hrs.**

3) Tender No. KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4176 Dated: 26.05.2026 Servicing/Repair of 2 no's of 125/30/10T capacity EOT cranes of Kadra Power House. Amount put to tender: **Rs.25,30,966/-. EMD: Rs.50,619/-.** Period of completion: **3 months** from the date of handing over of site. Last date for submission tenders: **13.06.2026 at 17.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from **Executive Engineer (O&M) Kadra,** KPCL, Kadra-581 396, Uttara Kannada Dist. Mobile: 91416 11197. E-mail: eeomkadra@gmail.com / seekadrakpcl@yahoo.in

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE - I & II (Short Term Tender)

4) Tender No. KPCL/2026-27/DA/WORK_INDENT4200 Underwater inspection, rectification, videography and assisting in lowering and lifting of five numbers of Penstock stoplog elements at Supa Dam. Amount put to tender: **Rs.49,85,000/-. EMD: Rs.1.00 Lakh.**

5) Tender No. KPCL/2026-27/GH/WORK_INDENT4197 Rectification of leakage and repair of penstock gate no -1 by lowering five numbers of stoplog elements at Supa. Amount put to tender: **Rs.20,79,766/-. EMD: Rs.50,000/-.** Last date for receipt of tenders: **04.06.2026, 17.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from **Executive Engineer (Gates) Kali,** KPCL, Kadra, Tq: Karwar, Dist: North Kanara-581 396. Mobile: 9141611350. E-mail: eegateskali@gmail.com

VARAHI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

6) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/IND2529/CALL-2 Date: 30.05.2026 Supply of Relays and Meters to VHEP. **EMD: Rs.10,708/-.** Last date for receipt of bids: **15.06.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from **Executive Engineer (MSP)H,** VHEP, KPCL, Hosangadi- 576 282, Kundapur (T), Udupi (D). Ph: +91-8259-288643. Mobile: +91-94481 82618.

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ವಿಷಯ: ನಂದಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ. **ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ:** (1) ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಿಆಸುಇ 02 ಸಹಿಮ 2023 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.03.2023. (2) ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಿಆಸುಇ 02 ಸಹಿಮ 2026 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ:13.05.2026 ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ನಂದಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. **ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ: (1) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.06.2026 ರಿಂದ 10.06.2026 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗಾಗಿ https://cimschikkaballapura.karnataka.gov.in/en** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. (2) ವಿವಿಧ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.06.2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11:00ಕ್ಕೆ** ಮೂಲ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗೆ ಡೀನ್/ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ ನಂದಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಆರೂರು, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಹಾಜರಾಗತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಸಂಜೆ 4 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ ಬಂದಂತಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. (3) ಮೂಲ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗೆ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಒಂದು ಸೆಟ್ ಜೆರಾಕ್ಸ್ (ಆದಾಯ ಮತ್ತು ಜಾತಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ, ಆಧಾರ್ ಜೆರಾಕ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರತಿ, ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ಸಾಕ್ಷರತಾ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ, ಜನ್ಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪ್ರತಿ (ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ ಅಂಕ ಪಟ್ಟಿ) ಮತ್ತು ವಿಳಾಸ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪತ್ರ ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ) ಪ್ರತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ನಿಗದಿತ ಸಮಯದೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಹಾಜರಾಗುವುದು. (4) ಮೂಲ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗೆ ಮೂಲ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಹಾಜರು ಪಡಿಸದೇ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಅಂತಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. (5) ಮೂಲ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ನಂತರ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಪಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **https://cimschikkaballapura.karnataka.gov.in/en** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಡೀನ್/ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು
ನಂದಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.
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ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಶ್ರೀ. ಪವನ್ ಕುಮಾರ್. ಜಿ. ಸಹಾಯಕ ಮಾರ್ಗದಾಳು, ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಪಿ. ಕಸಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಗುಡೇಕೋಟೆ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ, ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ ತಾ:: ವಿಜಯನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ. ಆದ ತಾವು ಸಿ–9 ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಪದೇ ಪದೇ ಅನಧಿಕೃತವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಗೈರು ಹಾಜರಿಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಮರು ವಾಪಸಾತಿ ನೋಟಿಸ್ ನೀಡಿದ ಮೇಲೂ ತಾವು ತಮ್ಮ ಈ ವರ್ತನೆಯನ್ನು ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳದೇ, ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಅನಧಿಕೃತ ಗೈರು ಹಾಜರಾದ ಹಿನ್ನಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಾನಿಇಂ(ವಿ)/ಜಾವಿ/ಲೆ/ಸಲೆ/ಹಿಸ(ಸಿ)/ಸ/579–82/ ದಿನಾಂಕ:22.05.2026 ರಂದು ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಅಮಾನತ್ತುಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಆದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ತಾವು ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಪ್ರತಿಕ್ರಿಯೆ ನೀಡದೇ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಮರು ವಾಪಸಾತಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಹಿನ್ನಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಮಾನತ್ತು ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.05.2026ರಂದು ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಪೋಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
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Kppp- ¸SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, State, Item Rate (Technical bids and Financial bids through E-Mode), E-Bids are invited for the following works through standard tender document KW-1, KW-2, KW-3, KW-4 (Standard Tender Document) from the eligible Contractors, registered in P.R.E. Department, & with kppp registration Bangalore, on **"turn-key"**, basis only.
1]Last date of request for issue of blank E-bid document through e-Procurment Date: Other works 22-05-2026 To 10-06-2026 2] Bid Closing & submission Date: Other works10-06-2026 AT 04:00 PM 3] Tender Opening Date: Other works12-06-2026 AT 11:00 AM 4] Pre Bid Meeting Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]09-06-2026 AT 05:00 Pm 5] Techanical Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]15-06-2026 AT 11:00 AM 6] Financial Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]17-06-2026 AT 11:00 AM
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INVITATION FOR TENDER
(only through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Contractors for the following works.
Office of the Chief Engineer (D & Q A), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore-560009.

Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
(Buildings)	BWSSB/EE(Buildings)/ PB/142/2026-27 Date: 27.05.2026	Rs.5,85,000/- / Rs.14,625/-	17.06.2026 upto 4:00 PM	18.06.2026 after 4.00 PM

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Buildings)

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the abovesigned office during working hours.
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No: DHO/ACC-2/DMF-244/2025-26 **Date: 01-06-2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

District Health and Family Welfare Officer Vijayanagar is inviting application from Man Power agencies for outsourcing the services of Driver, Group-D, Non-Clinical, Para Medical Staff and Ab-Ark Claim Executive as per the government norms for the period 2026-27 through e-procurement (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) portal. (Amount to Put to Tender 81.00 Lakhs) (INDENT NUMBER:DHFWS/2025-26/SE2066/CALL-2)
Interested eligible Tenderers can upload the document between date:03-06-2026 to date: 10-06-2026 time up to 05:00 pm.
For more information tenderers may contact the office phone number :08394-227040 or in persons during office hours.

Sd/-District health and
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SHORT TERM RE E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Short term Re E-tender has been invited as per Karnataka transparency in Public Procurements act 1999 For Selection of Chartered Accountant's Firms for the Statutory Audit (Section 10b) of Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute and Its Allied Hospitals and Nursing College for 2025-26 and Preparation of UCs of Around 20 Projects pertaining to any Financial Years, Filing of IT TDS, GST TDS and Consultancy Services on GST and IT During the 2026-27. The tender documents may be downloaded from E-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from date: **02.06.2026** and last date for submission of tenders through E-procurement website is: **09.06.2026** up to **5:00 pm.** Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D will be rejected.
For further details contact Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bangalore.

Sd/-, Director Cum Dean
Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute, Bangalore
DIPR/CP/LC/940/2026-27

IN BRIEF

Footballer passes away after viral fever

Darshan B Nagaraj

Darshan B Nagaraj, a young footballer from Karnataka who represented Town Club Hoskote FC in the ongoing BDFA C Division League Championship, passed away on Monday, reports DHNS.

The native of Gowdagere village in Kunigal, Darshan was 25 years old.

Darshan was hospitalised in the city for three days due to viral fever which became a cause of his death. Players and staff of Town Club Hoskote FC observed a minute's silence ahead of their game at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Tuesday.

Hariharan scores hat-trick

Hariharan M netted a hat-trick (15th, 24th and 33rd minute) in his side Hindustan Friends Club's 4-1 victory over Karnataka Forest Department in the KSHA Super Division Hockey League Championship, reports DHNS.

Results: Hindustan Friends Club: 4 (Anand Y 5th, Hariharan M 15th, 24th, 33rd) bt Karnataka Forest Department: 1 (Dharsan 49th).

Abhay, Veer exit British Open

India's Abhay Singh and Veer Chotrani lost to top-10 ranked players in their respective men's second round games to bow out of the British Open squash, reports PTI from Birmingham.

World No. 24 Abhay went down to Egyptian world No. 8 Mohamad Zakaria 9-11, 4-11, 11-7, 10-12. World No. 40 Chotrani fell to world No 6 Joel Makin, the Welshman winning 12-10, 11-9, 11-3.

Curry signs Li-Ning deal

Four-time NBA champion Stephen Curry on Monday announced a 10-year deal with Chinese company Li-Ning after leaving Under Armour last November, reports AFP from San Francisco.

Kishore nets a brace in Reds win

BENGALURU, DHNS: Kishore A shot a brace in Bangalore Reds FC's 4-1 victory over Bangalore Muslims FC in a Group 2 encounter of the BDFA C Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Tuesday.

Nanda Kumar (28th) and T Jeevan Sai Yadav (30th) put Reds ahead by two goals by halftime before Kishore (40th and 43rd) scored two goals to put the match beyond any doubt.

Bangalore Muslims' consolation came through an own goal by Nanda at the 46th minute of the match.

Results: Group 2: Bangalore Reds FC: 4 (Nanda Kumar 28th, T Jeevan Sai Yadav 30th, Kishore A 40th, 43rd) bt Bangalore Muslims FC: 1 (Nanda Kumar 46th og).
Jai Bharath Nagar FC: 4 (Sathvik S 14th, 77th, Vijin N Vishwambaram 40th, Hemanth BC 58th) bt Town SC Hoskote FC: 0.
Group 1: Bangalore Wanderers FC: 2 (Murali D 22nd, Manish S 54th) bt Maharaja Socials FC: 0; Indiranagar FC: 1 (Tony Infant Raj G 26th) bt Misaka United FC: 0.
Group 3: Rovers FC: 2 (Eromiya Francis 11th, 28th) bt 515 ABWS FC: 0.
Group 4: Konkan FC: 2 (Govind Raj S 46th, Suresh 58th) bt JP Sports FC: 1 (Siddaruda M 40th).

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TENNIS
French Open: Quarterfinals (**2:30 pm**). **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network, FanCode**.

BADMINTON
Indonesia Open: Round of 32 (**7:30 am**). **LIVE** on **Star Sports Select 2, JioHotstar**.

Several players & club staff out of contract amid ISL uncertainty

AIFF yet to give clarity on league's commercial partner

ADITYA K HALDER
BENGALURU, DHNS

Uncertainty surrounding the upcoming Indian Super League (ISL) season continues to cast a long, dark shadow over the Indian football, with more than 150 players and several staff members of several clubs currently out of contract.

The situation stems largely from the lack of clarity over the league's commercial future, with the All India Football Federation (AIFF) yet to finalise a new rights partner with most of the clubs not in favour of the current highest bidder.

While the clubs have offered an alternative plan of them holding the commercial rights, the federation has maintained silence except for a tentative schedule from September 1 to April 11. The subsequent delay has left clubs in a state of limbo, unable to plan for the next campaign or commit to renewals.

Across the league, including in top clubs like Bengaluru FC and Mohun Bagan Super Giants, most of the foreign players from last season have seen their contracts expire while several Indian internationals also find themselves without deals. The uncertainty extends beyond the pitch, with coaching and support staff similarly affected.

Sources indicate that the majority of the clubs have informally advised out-of-contract personnel to explore opportunities elsewhere rather than wait indefinitely over the absence of a concrete roadmap. In many cases, negotiations have been deliberately put on hold until there is clarity on the structure, timelines, and financial viability of the next season.

At the heart of the deadlock lies AIFF's pending decision on commercial rights as the federation had received a long-term proposal from Genius Sports, which is worth around Rs 2,129 crore over a 15 to 20-year cycle.

However, the deal has not been approved, with several clubs expressing reservations over the revenue-sharing model and the long-term economic viability of the arrangement in a strong-worded statement.

Instead, clubs have put forward an alternative and now renewed short-term solution, proposing to collectively operate the league for the next two seasons while guaranteeing a fixed annual payment of Rs 15 crore to the AIFF.

The approach has resulted in a stalemate with the AIFF yet to formally respond to the clubs' latest offer. As per the General Body Meeting last month, president Kalyan Chaubey-led Executive Committee is expected to review the competing proposals but no clear timeline has been communicated.

The warning signs of a financial squeeze had been visible for months. Following the departure of the previous long-term commercial partner in 2025, clubs initiated cost-cutting measures, including pay reductions and downsizing. For the upcoming season, players and staff have also been braced for the possibility of further salary adjustments, even if the league resumes and especially if it's another truncated season.

Sairaj Bahutule

Bahutule named India's spin bowling coach

BENGALURU, DHNS: Former India leg-spinner Sairaj Bahutule was on Tuesday appointed India's spin bowling coach ahead of their one-off Test match against Afghanistan. The 53-year-old latest stint was in the Indian Premier League, where he worked as Punjab Kings' spin-bowling coach.

"The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Sairaj Bahutule as the Spin Bowling Coach of the Indian Cricket Team (Senior Men)," the BCCI said in a statement.

Bahutule represented India in two Tests and eight ODIs. In the domestic circuit, he picked 630 wickets and scored 6,176 runs in first-class career that spanned for nearly two decades.

Bahutule was also the bowling coach of India's ICC under-19 men's cricket World Cup-winning side in 2022 and was also part of the coaching staff for the 2024 edition of the tournament.

He has worked extensively with India A and the senior men's team as a specialist bowling coach on multiple assignments and was a key member of the coaching setup at the BCCI's National Cricket Academy.

TENNIS FRENCH OPEN

Zverev stays on course

Kostyuk & Andreeva to battle for final berth; Svitolina falls in quarters again

PARIS, AFP

Germany's Alexander Zverev returns during his victory over Spain's Rafael Jodar 7-6, (3), 6-1, 6-3 in the men's singles quarterfinals of the French Open in Paris on Tuesday. AFP

Alexander Zverev breezed past Rafael Jodar to stay on course for an elusive Grand Slam title at the French Open, where Marta Kostyuk and Mirra Andreeva will meet for a place in the women's final.

Zverev, the highest-ranked player left in the men's draw, put an end to Spanish teenager Jodar's impressive Roland Garros debut, easing to a 7-6, (3), 6-1, 6-3 win on Tuesday.

29-year-old Zverev is the clear favourite for a maiden Grand Slam title. He has finished runner-up on three occasions, including at the 2024 French Open.

"I want to win the matches that are ahead of me, that is my goal, that is my aim," said Zverev, who has only dropped one set en route to the last four.

It is the fifth time in six years he has made it to this stage in Paris.

"I'm happy to be in the semi-finals, for now," he added.

Zverev will play the winner of the night-time encounter between Brazilian sensation Joao Fonseca and Czech youngster Jakub Mensik.

For Jodar, the grind of back-to-back five-setters appeared to take its toll as he struggled to cope after blowing a 5-2 lead in the opening set.

The 19-year-old Jodar was featuring at just his second major. He was ranked 707th in the world this time last year, losing in the first and second rounds of second-tier Challenger events in the United States during the 2025 French Open.

Both Fonseca and Mensik will be playing in their first Grand Slam quarter-final later on Tuesday.

Fonseca, 19, backed up his third-round win over Novak Djokovic by beating two-time Roland Garros finalist Casper Ruud.

He is the first Brazilian man to reach the French Open last eight since three-time champion Gustavo Kuerten.

Kostyuk holds nerve

Earlier, the in-form Kostyuk held her nerve to withstand a comeback from compatriot Elina Svitolina in the first all-Ukrainian women's quarter-final at a Grand Slam in the Open era, winning 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

The 23-year-old Kostyuk extended her unbeaten run on clay this season to 17 matches to reach her first Grand Slam semi-final.

The country was hit by hundreds of Russian drones and dozens of missiles early Tuesday, killing at least 18 people.

"We had another difficult night in Ukraine, especially in Kyiv where so many people died, so I want to give this match to Ukraine," said Kostyuk.

Svitolina, 31, fell at the quarter-final stage at Roland Garros for the sixth time. It is the only major where she has not reached the last four.

Kostyuk has been an outspoken supporter of Ukraine during the ongoing war with Russia. Her next opponent is Russian teenager Andreeva, who she beat in the Madrid Open final last month.

Andreeva breezed into her second French Open semi-final earlier in the day with a 6-0, 6-3 rout of Romania's Sorana Cirstea, who plans to retire at the end of the season.

Results (Prefix denotes seeding): Quarterfinals: Men: 2-Alexander Zverev (Ger) bt 27-Rafael Jodar (Esp) 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-3. **Women:** 15-Marta Kostyuk (Ukr) bt 7-Elina Svitolina (Ukr) 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; 8-Mirra Andreeva (Rus) bt 18-Sorana Cirstea (Rom) 6-0, 6-3.

Sindhu advances; Srikanth, Malvika make early exit

Sen ousted after a straight-game defeat to Alwi

JAKARTA, PTI

India's PV Sindhu defeated Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan in the opening round of the Indonesia Open on Tuesday. BWF FILE PHOTO

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu battled her way into the second round of the Indonesia Open with a straight-game win, but it was curtains for former world No. 1 Kidambi Srikanth and Lakshya Sen after they suffered an opening-round exit here on Tuesday.

Sindhu was made to work hard by Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan before prevailing 25-23, 21-16 in a 51-minute women's singles opening round of the Super 1000 badminton tournament.

The former world champion displayed her trademark attacking game to edge a closely fought opening game before carrying the momentum into the second to complete a straight-game win.

The unseeded Indian is now likely to face reigning Olympic champion and world No. 1 An Se-young, whom she had lost to in the quarterfinals last week in Singapore. Sindhu has a dismal 0-9 head to head record against An.

However, it was a disappointing day for Srikanth, who bowed out after a 19-21, 15-21 defeat to Japan's Yushi Tanaka in the men's singles opening round.

Sen, who exited in the quarterfinals of the Singapore Open, bowed out in the opening round here losing 19-21, 16-21 to Alwi Farhan of Indonesia.

Malvika Bansod, too, made a first round exit in women's singles. She was outclassed by seventh seed Pornpawee Chochuwong. The Thai shuttler dominated throughout to register a 21-12, 21-10 victory.

The men's doubles pair Hariharan Amsakarunan and MR Arjun progressed to the second round with a convincing 21-18, 21-10 win over the higher-ranked Malaysian combination of Nur Mohd Azriyn Ayub and Tan Wee Kiong.

But it was early exit for the women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand as they lost 14-21, 12-21 to Indonesian duo of Febriana Dwipuji Kusuma and Meilysa Trias Puspitasari.

The mixed doubles combination of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto also made a first round exit, losing 11-21, 10-21 to sixth seeds Guo Xin Wa and Chen Fang Hui of China.

Nabi among six net bowlers

MULLANPUR, PTI: J&K seamer Auqib Nabi Dar, whose non-selection in the Indian Test squad invited widespread criticism, has been summoned by the team management along with five others to bowl in the nets ahead of the one-off Test against Afghanistan starting June 6.

Besides Auqib, wiry UP leg-spinner Zeeshan Ansari has also been asked to bowl in the nets as the Afghanistan team is expected to have a few wrist spinners.

The other players called to bowl in the camp are left-arm wrist spinner Shivang Kumar, left-arm pacer Gurjapneet Singh, find of IPL Prince Yadav, and off-spinner Saransh Jain.

Praggu, Gukesh, Divya keep India's hopes alive

OSLO, PTI: Indians struck back in style in Round 7 as D Gukesh and R Praggnanandhaa delivered crucial victories while Divya Deshmukh bounced back from her previous-round setback to beat compatriot Koneru Humpy, reigniting the country's challenge as the Norway Chess title race entered its decisive phase here.

World champion Gukesh salvaged 1.5 points from his clash against American Grandmaster Wesley So, securing victory in the Armageddon tie-break after letting a winning opportunity slip in the classical game, to move to eight points overall. He, however, remained rooted to the bottom of the six-player double round-robin standings.

Praggnanandhaa, meanwhile, handed French Grandmaster Alireza Firouzja a second successive classical defeat to collect the full three points and climb to nine, but the gains did little to alter the standings, with the young Indian GM remaining fifth and Gukesh sixth.

Wesley So continued to lead the standings with 12.5 points, while Alireza held second place on 10.

Divya Deshmukh.
NORWAY CHESS

Divya wins

Divya produced another fearless display, sacrificing a pawn early and obtaining full compensation through her aggressive play. Starting the day just a point behind leader Bibisara Assaubayeva, the World Cup winner kept herself firmly in the title hunt by winning the all-Indian clash against veteran Humpy.

The classical game ended in a draw, but Divya managed to strike in the Armageddon tie-break to seal the win, keeping her hopes alive and setting up a crucial Round 8 clash where a classical victory over Bibisara could see her overtake the leader.

Results: (Round 7): Open: R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 9) bt Alireza Firouzja (Fra, 10); Vincent Keymer (Ger, 9) lt to Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 9); D Gukesh (Ind, 8) bt Wesley So (USA, 12.5). **Women:** Koneru Humpu (Ind, 6.5) lt to Divya Deshmukh (Ind, 10); Ju Wenjun (Chn, 9) lt to Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 9.5); Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kaz, 12.5) bt Zhu Jiner (Chn, 7).

Ellis inspires Aus to 41-run win over Pak

LAHORE, AGENCIES: Nathan Ellis produced his best ODI bowling figures (4/33) as Australia defeated Pakistan by 41 runs in the second ODI to level the three-match series 1-1 here.

Ellis and Matthew Short (3/36) restricted Pakistan to 190 all out in 44 overs while defending a modest total of 232. Shadab Khan (71 off 104 balls) fought a lone battle while Pakistan's top-order came a cropper.

Earlier, Josh Inglis and Cameron Green hit fighting half-centuries to help Australia post 231-9. Green knocked a polished 92-ball 53 while Inglis scored a 74-ball 51 to counter another spin test on a dry Gaddafi Stadium pitch after the visitors were put in to bat by Pakistan.

The Green-Inglis duo lifted Australia from 51-3 with a sedate 51-run stand after Pakistan attacked with the spin as early as from the fifth over.

Brief scores: Australia: 231/9 in 50 overs (Josh Inglis 51, Cameron Green 53, Matt Renshaw 43, Oliver Peake 31; Shaheen Afridi 3-36, Haris Rauf 2-49, Arafat Minhas 2-27, Abrar Ahmed 2-34) bt Pakistan: 190 all out in 44 overs (Ghazi Ghori 37, Shadab Khan 71, Arafat Minhas 33; Nathan Ellis 4-33, Matthew Short 3-36). **Result:** Australia won by 41 runs. **PoM:** Nathan Ellis. **Series:** Australia level three-match series 1-1. **Third ODI:** June 4 (Lahore).

Focus on winning tournaments not just ranking, advises Padukone

HITA PRAKASH
BENGALURU, DHNS

Indian badminton legend Prakash Padukone during the announcement of the alliance between Padukone School of Badminton (PSB) and Shriram Finance Ltd in Bengaluru on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/ KRISHNAKUMAR P S

There were plenty of highs and a significant amount of lows over the last two decades for badminton in India. Though the mixed bag of performances from Indian players at the international stage has attracted constant attention to the sport, legend Prakash Padukone feels the time is ripe for the nation to aim towards becoming a dominant force in badminton.

"They (the current crop of top shuttlers) are doing well, but I think they can do much better," said the 70-year-old, the first from the country to win the prestigious All England Championships in 1980.

"I think they need to be much more consistent, considering the kind of support they get. Each one has their own team of coach, physio, strength and conditioning coach, nutritionist, sparring player. I am not against that, but considering this kind of support, I think, they can do more. They should not be happy winning one tournament once in six months or two years," offered Padukone while speaking to a select media on the sidelines of announcement of the alliance between Padukone School of Badminton (PSB) and Shriram Finance Ltd.

With a crowded Badminton World Federation (BWF) tournament schedule, the Padma Shri awardee stressed the importance of picking events to maximise performance. In essence, Padukone hoped players of today emphasised more on quality over quantity.

"Everybody needs to choose their tournaments very wisely. But these days, with the ranking points awarded every week, they focus more on where they stand on the ranking charts. If I was playing now, I would focus more on winning tournaments, even if my ranking goes down.

"Because, at the end of your career, you are remembered for winning big tournaments more than the number of weeks a player was no. 1 in the world. I am not saying that ranking is not important, but you should achieve the top rank by winning the big events not by playing more tournaments. The present day players may not agree with my view, but this is just my opinion."

Speaking about BWF's decision to reduce the three games of 21-point scoring system to 15 points of three beginning January 2027, Padukone said: "I would ideally like the 21-point format to remain while experimenting with the 15-point format in a small way. Similar to cricket, when they can have T20, ODIs and Tests co-existing, why can't we do it in badminton too? Don't discard the 21-point format completely because people have played for 10-15 years and gotten used to it," opined the former world No. 1.

While keeping a close watch on all the developments of badminton at the top level, Padukone expressed his focus has now shifted towards developing the sport at the grassroots through PSB which has 75 centres across the country.

"The need of the hour when I started my academy in 1994 was to set-up a high-performance centre for top players to have a year-long practice base to compete with the Chinese or Indonesians. So after having coached and taken care of elite players for over 30 years, I want to now invest my time to develop badminton at the grassroot level with a proper structure, talent hunt and training coaches. Our focus is identifying talent from tier-2 and tier-3 cities." said Padukone.

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